

THAW ADJUDGED LUNATIC

LABOR REGISTRATION MUST CONTINUE IN LOWELL

The municipal council met this morning after a week of inactivity and there was sufficient business to keep the members in session a full hour and a half.

An important communication was read from the office of the civil service commission in Boston, relative to the office of civil service labor in this city, for which no appropriation was made by this year's government. The letter stated that the registration of laborers under civil service law will be continued in Lowell and that the civil service commission will insist upon the registration and certification as

PRES. WILSON TO ACT TO PREVENT BIG STRIKE

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The railroad brotherhoods on March 7 wrote to President Wilson, it became known today, formally notifying him of the conference with the railroad representatives scheduled for March 15. In this letter the brotherhood leaders declared they were "hopeful" of making a satisfactory adjustment of questions pending with the railroads.

The brotherhood representatives also informed President Wilson that, if, while they were negotiating with the railroads, the nation became involved in war, they would co-operate to the fullest extent with the government.

Neither President Wilson nor Secretary Wilson of the department of labor had official information today regarding the intention of the brotherhoods to strike unless a satisfactory arrangement was reached at Thursday's conference. An investigation was begun through governmental agencies, however.

It was stated that there was little of a definite character that the government could do until the outcome of the meeting in New York Thursday is known. At the direction of President Wilson, Secretary Wilson of the department of labor will keep in close touch with that conference and should it fall the government then will consider further steps.

Government officials regarded it as inconceivable that there should be a nationwide railroad strike at this time and while no plans have been mapped out, it was generally taken for granted that the president will use his utmost efforts to prevent such a strike.

The letter of the brotherhood representatives to President Wilson follows: "We feel obligated to officially advise you of our intention to meet again the national conference committee of the railroads on March 15 for the purpose of making another effort to adjust the pending eight-hour controversy."

"We are very hopeful of working out a satisfactory adjustment with

the railroads but if, while we are negotiating, our country should become involved in war we want to assure you, as chief executive of the nation, that we and the membership we represent can be relied upon to support you to the fullest extent and that yourself and the nation will have our hearty and full support."

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heretofore. Patrick J. Reynolds is the present head of the civil service labor office in this city.

Commissioner Francis A. Warnock read an opinion from City Solicitor William D. Regan on what authority the municipal council has in directing an audit of the city books and accounts. Mr. Regan's opinion is that it is incumbent upon the commissioner of finance to engage Mr. Rex to make the audit this year.

Commissioner Donnelly made no comment upon the opinion.

Jackson Palmer and Harry W. J.

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WARAOFESKY ON DANGEROUS LIST

Man Stabbed in Fight in Summer Street House at Hospital

Assailant Held in \$2000 Bail—Case Continued Till March 22

As a result of a stabbing affray which took place last evening in a house in Summer street, a man named Peter Waraofsky is confined to St. John's hospital, suffering from two slashes across the right side of the neck and a gash on each of his arms. His condition is considered very serious.

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24 MEN ENTOMBED BY MINE EXPLOSION

CANONSBURG, Pa., March 13.—Twenty-four men were entombed by two explosions in the mine of the Henderson Coal Co. at Hendersonville, five miles from here early today. Seven men were later taken out alive and efforts are being made to reach the others.

BAN ON SHIPPING NEWS
NEW YORK, March 13.—The ban on shipping information at the custom house was today made complete by order of the treasury department. The custom house has refused, since the break with Germany, to make public clearance of shipper's manifest. Under the new orders manifests of incoming ships, including American coastwise, will be withheld as well as other shipping information with the exception of the monthly statistics on imports and exports.

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CANNOT BE TAKEN TO NEW YORK TO STAND TRIAL

Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia Bases Finding on Report Presented by Lunacy Commission—Will Be Placed In Asylum

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Harry K. Thaw was today adjudged a lunatic by the common pleas court of this city and under the law cannot be taken to New York on requisition to stand trial on charges of assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., a high school student of Kansas City, Mo. Thaw will be kept in St. Mary's hospital here pending his removal to a Pennsylvania asylum.

The court's action was based on the report presented today by a lunacy commission which yesterday took the testimony of Thaw and his mother. In announcing the conclusion of the lunacy commission, James Gay Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Thaw, on whose behalf the lunacy proceedings were begun, made this statement:

"The inquisition which met yesterday and heard the case of Harry K. Thaw, adjudged him to be a lunatic and the finding was today filed in the court of common pleas."

"Judge Martin made the usual appropriate order touching his person and estate. Thaw is now in the custody of the sovereignty of the state of Pennsylvania represented by its council of chancery and under the control and protection of the court and laws of the commonwealth. This necessarily settles the question of his extradition and rings down the curtain on that proceeding. Mrs. Thaw and her family all desire, if possible, that the matter may be dropped from public exploitation. Thaw is now safe from harm to himself or others, and the court will hold control and guard him. Anything with respect to him hereafter can only be done with the sanction of the court."

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VALUE BOSTON PROPERTY AT \$1,608,701,300

BOSTON, March 13.—The grand total value of property, real and personal, and of bank stock, owned in this city is \$1,608,701,300, the board of assessors announced yesterday. This aggregate compares with a valuation of \$1,572,116,708 last year. Real estate values are rated at \$1,279,775,700, and personal property at \$328,925,600. Bank stock is assessed at \$15,000,000.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF ST. PETER'S

WILL TURN OUT TO A MAN IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE—REV. DR. KELEHER ENTHUSIASTIC

Great preparations are being made in St. Peter's parish for the turnout of the Holy Name society in the parade on Saturday. The most enthusiastic person in the parish for the parade is Rev. Dr. Keleher, the pastor, who takes a great interest in the development of the Holy Name society. The pastor invites every man in the parish whether identified with the society or not to society, and today it was evident that the greatest turnout of the parade will come from this parish. A rallying committee headed by that energetic worker for the society, Ex-Pres. Richard T. Lyons, is doing yeoman service in canvassing the membership of the society and Mr. Lyons reports great success with the work of the committee. Pres. Patrick J. Reynolds, Vice Pres. Michael J. Hetherman and Marshal Michael Monahan are equally enthusiastic over the outlook and predict a great lineup of members of the society. Announcements as to the time of formation and place will be made later.

GERMANS TO ATTEMPT NEW DRIVE ON CALAIS

The Franco-Belgian front is bristling with military activity. All the reports indicate preparations for operations on a large scale. When the blow will come and where it will fall, however, are still matters for speculation which is being freely indulged in by the military commentators.

Important Troop Movements

Much attention is centered now on the northern part of the front. The Germans recently closed the Belgian-Dutch frontier and there are reports of important troop movements behind the secret barrier. These are interpreted as possibly presaging another attempt by the Germans to break through the Yser lines in a drive for Calais—a move vainly attempted earlier in the war.

British Gains on Somme

So far the important engagements of the opening active season have been fought further south along the line. The Somme operation by the British has not definitely developed any new phase since the great German retirement but additional ground is being occupied from time to time by Gen. Haig's forces for the most part of late through sharp thrusts in isolated sectors.

Fighting in Champagne

In the Champagne region the fighting between the French and Germans continues brisk. Paris last night reported the re-taking of all the trenches the Germans had taken on the commanding hill 155 in the region of Maison de Champagne. Today's French war office bulletin announced the complete counter attack here, the French retaining all their positions.

Berlin Admits Ground Lost

Berlin's account of yesterday's fighting in the Champagne region does not admit the recapture by the French of Hill 155 in its entirety but concedes the loss of ground on the southwest slope. The German report also announces an attack by the British on a wide front just to the south of Arras which it declares was repulsed with heavy British losses.

Battle For Air Supremacy
It has been apparent for several days that an intense battle for air supremacy was being waged on the Franco-Belgian front with the British aerial forces the special object of the German attack. Light was thrown on this struggle by a statement made for the British government today in the house of commons in which it was

conceded that the struggle for supremacy was notably intense at the opening of this active season after a winter's strengthening of the aerial arm by both belligerents. The British were taking every measure to gain the upper hand definitely, it was indicated, and there was every reason to hope, it was declared, that they would again assert their superiority.

LINER WITH AMERICAN ON BOARD SUNK

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The sinking of the Cunard non-passenger liner Folio, with one American on board, was reported to the state department today in a preliminary despatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown as follows:

"Cunard non-passenger Folio sunk off Waterford tenth. Survivors landed. Duggan, sole American, boat's surgeon, W. J. Gore, Nashville, Tenn., saved, uninjured."

NEW YORK, March 13.—The Folio left New York, Feb. 28, bound for Bristol. She was a vessel of 6975 tons gross, originally the Italian liner Principe di Piemonte. Later she was bought by the Transatlantic and renamed the Folio. The Cunard line bought her and changed the name to the Folio.

MISSING MALDEN GIRL FOUND IN CHELSEA

MALDEN, March 13.—After a large party headed by Mayor Charles M. Blodgett had searched the woods in the Maplewood section for several hours early today that Helen Carney, 15 year old, who had failed to return home from a visit at the time expected, had been found in Chelsea. The girl, a daughter of Clarence F. Carney, chairman of the board of assessors, had lost her way by taking a street in the wrong direction.

BRITISH STEAMER ARRIVES

BOSTON, March 13.—The arrival at Liverpool of the British steamer Porth which sailed from this port Feb. 24, was announced in a cablegram received by local agents today.

NEW BEDFORD LAWYER IN POLITICAL FIGHT CASE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

NEW BEDFORD, Mar. 13.—Former City Solicitor Henry E. Woodward was attacked and seriously wounded in his law office late last night. The police responding early today to a telephone call from the lawyer found him stretched on the floor of his office with his head in a pool of blood. He was able only to say that he had been assaulted by someone whom he did not recognize before he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Woodward was to have appeared in court today in a continuation of litigation involving Mayor Charles S. Ashley, former Mayor Edward R. Hathaway and William T. Caswell, the license commissioner who recently was removed by Ashley. A political fight of much bitterness brought the parties into court when Caswell filed a petition for reinstatement alleging that his removal was illegal. Hathaway who appointed Caswell, intervened asking the court for a writ of prohibition against the hearing sought by Caswell. Subsequently Hathaway's request for the writ was withdrawn and the hearing on Caswell's petition was set for today. Woodward represented Caswell and also was counsel for former Mayor Hathaway who had instituted an action against Mayor Ashley looking to the removal of the mayor under the corrupt practices act.

At last midnight Woodward telephoned to police headquarters saying that he had been assaulted and asking for help. Two officers and an ambulance were sent to the lawyer's office. Dr. W. K. Turner also was summoned. When the party arrived at Woodward's office they found he had fallen near the telephone stand. An examination revealed several wounds on the back of the lawyer's head and concussion of the brain. Dr. Turner said the wounds were serious but how serious it would not be known for 24 hours. On the office floor were the pieces of a tobacco jar that had been broken apparently in the assault. A window of the office leading on to a roof was open. Woodward was conscious only after the police arrived and they could learn from him was that he did not know who had attacked him.

Woodward was wearing an overcoat when attacked and the police theory is that appearing unexpectedly at his office about midnight he had surprised a thief who was engaged in ransacking the lawyer's papers.

MAN WHO SHOT UP COFFEE HOUSE SENTENCED

The mystery surrounding the shooting in a Suffolk street coffee house on the night of Feb. 24 was cleared up at this morning's session of the police court, when Gregorios Limnios, a resident of this city, who was arrested in Lynn a few days ago, was ordered committed to the house of correction at Cambridge for a term of six months.

It seems that after the shooting Limnios made his escape and went to Lynn. The police learned that he had

WORK SOON TO START ON \$350,000 BUILDINGS

Plans for the erection of the new plant of the Costikyan Carpet Co. in this city have been completed and unless something unforeseen happens the company will start work on the erection of two large buildings in Middlesex street at the city line as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The buildings will be of brick, 200 by 100 and 200 by 50 feet respectively and with the equipment will cost approximately \$350,000. It is expected the company will employ several hundred men and women in the manufacture of oriental rugs and carpets.

The company was recently incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts with a capital of \$700,000. Mr. N. Costikyan of New York is president, while Harold E. Wadely of Billerica, former agent of the Bigelow Carpet Co. in this city is vice president and general manager.

TREATY WITH COLOMBIA IS APPROVED

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The senate foreign relations committee today approved in modified form the treaty with Colombia by which the United States will pay that republic \$25,000,000 for the partition of Panama. It will be pressed to a vote in the present special senate session.

YARROWDALE PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Arrival of the 30 Yarrowdale prisoners at Zurich was officially reported by Minister Stovall at Bern in a despatch to the state department today which bore the date of March 12.

BOSTON POST WINS IN \$50,000 LIBEL SUIT

THE SUIT WAS BROUGHT BY JAMES A. WATSON, MEMBER OF BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

BOSTON, March 13.—A verdict in favor of the Post Publishing Co. was returned today by a jury in a suit for \$50,000 damages for alleged libel brought by James A. Watson, a member of the city council. The suit was based on the publication in the Post of a letter written by Councilor Henry E. Hagan, replying to a campaign address by Watson in which he was attacked.

THE LATE TORNADO

The month of March always brings disagreeable wind and it is especially so when it blows from the wrong direction. A certain firm advertised the installation of a sterilizer, recently, and claimed it to be the first sanitary one in Lowell. We do not believe in blowing, not even in the month of March, but when our sanitary conditions are at stake among the few who might happen to be on the path of this late tornado, we will simply mention that we have been equipped with the most up-to-date sterilizers known to the profession ever since we opened our new store for business. Therefore we do not follow, as our breeze competitor claims, and remember that we never claim that they are following us, because we are going too fast for them.

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TELEPHONE CO.'S GROWTH WIRELESS SPANS CONTINENT

As last year was the banner year in the telephone service, the annual report of the American Telephone & Telegraph company for the year ending December 31, 1916, is of special interest. It shows that the Bell System had the heaviest gain in traffic ever reported in a single year, with a daily average of 29,490,000 connections. This was approximately at the rate of 100 calls per year for every man, woman and child in the United States. The increase in subscribers' stations exceeded the estimated increase by 40 per cent. The pressure of business is still so great that plans are under way to spend \$90,000,000 this year (as against \$56,000,000 actually spent in 1916) to provide for advance construction and additions to plant which are urgently required. This is by far the most ambitious program ever attempted by the company, but necessary funds have been provided through the new financing arranged some months ago.

Advance Construction
President Vail points out that the company would have been badly handicapped in providing for the rush of subscribers last year had it not been for the policy long followed of constructing in advance of actual need. In this way a large margin of equipment was available and although the price of raw materials used in construction about doubled, the average total investment per station decreased during the year from \$119 to \$146. At the close of 1916, the Bell System had 9,347,192 telephone stations in operation, this being a gain for the year of 695,923 stations. There were added during the year 1,344,770 miles of wire, bringing the total wire mileage up to 10,566,315. More than half of the total wire mileage was in underground cables. It has long been the custom of the company to provide out of earnings each year a sufficient number to cover the wear and tear and obsolescence of plant accruing during the year. This means that whenever a plant has to be abandoned, a sufficient reserve has been accumulated to cover the cost of replacement.

The Bell System paid out late in the year nearly \$6,000,000 in special compensation to its employees to cover the abnormal work that they were required to do and as assistance in meeting increased living expenses. The gross receipts from the long distance service last year exceeded the gross revenues derived during the first 16 years of long distance service. Twenty-four new buildings to be used as central offices were planned by the company. These when completed and properly equipped will represent a total expenditure of \$22,000,000.

The policy of the companies to obtain extra revenue from the normally non-earning equipment that was suddenly brought into use by the extraordinary business of last year accounts for the sharp rise in the ratio of net earnings to plant and other assets. These stood last year at 6.17 per cent, as against 5.84 per cent. in 1915. President Vail points out that this increase was not normal, being largely due to the sudden increase in demands for service without a corresponding increase of plant. That the reproductive value of the Bell System has risen enormously within the last five years is suggested by the fact that the appraisal by the company's engineers in 1912, which exceeded the book cost by \$61,000,000 was based on 17 cent copper. That metal now commands 25 cents a pound, which means a good deal when it is remembered that 93 per cent of the company's wire mileage represents copper wire.

The companies had 655 employees in the national guard and naval militia on June 13 last, when the president called them into service for duty on the Mexican border. Full pay was granted for the first three months and thereafter full pay less the amount received for military service.

Communication Between Cities
The facilities of the company have been so largely improved as to virtually place the cities in the United States of over 50,000 inhabitants within speaking communication of each other and within the reach of extra long distance service. In referring to the company's experiments in wireless telephoning, President Vail gives an interesting description of a mobilization of communication forces conducted by the staff of the company at the request of the secretary of the navy and in co-operation with naval officers under the command of Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations. "From three days during which conditions were simulated as far as possible, the navy abandoned all other forms of communication between the navy department at Washington and the navy yards and navy stations in the continental United States. During this period, it utilized the Bell system for telephone and telegraph communication by wire with all of the naval forces in that territory. During this mobilization, the naval officers and telephone officials assigned to the work were on duty night and day and were able at all times to obtain instantaneous telephone or telegraph communication with any point involved. The secretary of the navy conversed with several of the principal naval stations and the admiral in command talked with the commanding officer at all of the naval stations on the Pacific coast from Bremerton, Washington to San Diego, California, and to the navy yards and naval stations on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts and on the Great Lakes.

Lowell, Tuesday, March 13, 1917

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the Mexican border. Full pay was granted for the first three months and thereafter full pay less the amount received for military service.

Earnings and Stockholders
The total operating revenues of the entire Bell System last year were \$24,600,000. This was an increase of \$3,014,000, or nearly 14 per cent over last year. Of these revenues, depreciation and maintenance consumed \$8,455,000, an increase of 11.6 per cent over 1915; traffic expenses consumed \$5,745,000, an increase of 17.1 per cent; commercial expenses \$2,809,000, an increase of 9.1 per cent; general and miscellaneous expenses \$1,602,000, an increase of 7.7 per cent; taxes assignable to operations \$1,916,000, an increase of 14.7 per cent.

The total gross income was \$70,353,400, an increase of 14.1 per cent over 1915. Of this amount \$22,114,000 was paid for interest, rents and so forth, leaving \$48,239,400 for dividends and over \$22,000,000 to be added to surplus.

The report also gives the results of the American Telephone and Telegraph company separated from the rest of the Bell System. Its net earnings for the year were \$4,743,374.57, compared with the year before, which showed an increase of \$2,825,889.17. The company's balance sheets show that the investment in stocks, bonds and notes of associated companies increased \$21,845,820.60 and in permanent plant \$5,044,266.84. The increase in current assets of \$27,185,124.38 in cash, \$23,500,100.27 collected the closing of December 1916. The company has over 70,000 stockholders, net owning 43,000 employees who are buying shares on an installment plan. A majority of the company's shareholders are women. Less than 2 per cent of the stock held by individuals and less than 1 per cent is in the hands of brokers. There was an increase of 5,042 in the number of shareholders, there being more than \$2,000 holders of less than 100 shares each.

Wireless From Coast to Coast
An interesting test of wireless telephony was also made. The transmission was by wire to the wireless stations, where it was automatically transferred to wireless apparatus. The report gives this very interesting episode.

"The secretary of the navy seated at his desk in the department in Washington talked with Captain Chandler on board the battleship New Hampshire at Hampton Roads.

"Under orders given to him by the secretary of the navy and Admiral Benson, the captain of the New Hampshire proceeded out to sea as far as the Southern drill grounds and returned, reporting his position by telephone every hour to the department at Washington.

"The atmospheric electrical conditions being very favorable, the talking to and from the ship was so loud and distinct that Captain Bennett, in command at the Mare Island navy yard on

the Pacific, conversed with Captain Chandler on the New Hampshire, which was at that time in a storm on the Atlantic."

The company's engineers have devoted much study to the conditions created by the further extension of electric traction by railroads and the continued extension of electric power lines. In this work the company's experts co-operated with the California railroad commission and other federal and state bodies in the effort to formulate proper rules governing the operation of such lines.

Allowing for the taxes paid by the system and by the holders of its outstanding securities the net annual cost to the public for the use of the property of the Bell System is about the same percentage on a fair valuation of that property, as would be the interest return on high-grade railroad or industrial bonds. This return is far less than the legal interest rate of any state.

RELIEVES SERIOUS CASE OF CHRONIC CONSTIPATION

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Miss H.A. Frees

THOUSANDS STOLEN AT SO. STATION, BOSTON

\$100,000 IN JEWELRY AND GEMS TAKEN IN TWO MONTHS—SYSTEM OF "CHECK SWAPPING"

BOSTON, March 13.—Thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry and precious stones have been stolen from the baggage room of the South station within the past two months, it was revealed last night, when investigators working on the case reluctantly admitted that the latest theft was that of a trunk containing \$50,000 worth of samples, which the robbers got away with Sunday night.

Morris Lewis, a representative of David Ullman & Co., 50 Maiden lane, New York, admitted to a reporter at the Parker House last night that he was the victim of the \$50,000 robbery.

The method of the thieves has been as simple as it was clever. Somewhere between New York and Boston they have merely changed the checks, on trunks in the baggage car. When the careful owner of a trunkful of valuable samples presented his baggage check at the South station, he would receive only a carefully prepared dummy trunk, the thieves having in the meantime claimed the real sample case immediately after the arrival of the train.

Harry Murray, assistant superintendent of the Pinkerton agency, told a reporter last night that these robberies had been going on for about two months. He estimated the value of the loot secured by the baggage thieves at \$100,000. Another authority stated that at least \$125,000 worth has been stolen.

Superintendent Daniel T. Green of the Pinkerton agency is now in Maine, and it is understood that he has traced some of the loot to Bangor and Lewiston. Another line has led to Portland. Among the suspects is a Boston taxicab driver.

Mr. Lewis, who is a member of the firm of David Ullman & Company, the latest robbery victim, was at the Parker House awaiting word of developments from the police and the Pinkerton men.

"This thing is so big that I don't believe they can get away with it," he told a reporter. "Further than that, I must decline to talk."

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON JAPAN

DR. BABCOCK SHOWS BEAUTIFUL PICTURES TAKEN IN NATURE'S DREAMLAND

Delightful glimpses of Japan, its glorious traditions and its religion, which have been tenaciously adhered to down through centuries, were shown at the Middlesex Women's club yesterday afternoon in an illustrated lecture given by Clinton Le Roy Babcock, Ph. D., president of the University of Kansas.

Dr. Babcock's lecture subject was "Japan, the Land of the Picturesque," and indeed it is a country of wondrous beauty and incomprehensible customs. But with all its seeming impossible beliefs, Japan is highly civilized and modern. The Japanese student knows much more of the history of our country than the average American.

Beautiful bits of country, famous shrines and temples, including the shrine at Nikko, groves and lanes of cryptomeria trees, which rival in size the huge Redwood trees of California, Japanese homes and their surrounding gardens and other entrancing spots were among the pictures shown by Dr. Babcock during his intensely interesting lecture.

The lecturer also showed many amusing little incidents and instructive facts as the pictures brought them to mind. For instance—for a person to read a newspaper or the simpler forms of literature with any degree of understanding, he must know some letter characters. If a Japanese schoolboy or schoolgirl were asked to write the names of the words "revolve," "great," "several," the name of Washington and Grant would be in the list, showing how well they have progressed in their analysis of America.

The pictures showing the interior of a Japanese home were particularly interesting, especially those showing the customs which are rigidly carried out in the service of afternoon tea. The structure of a Japanese house was clearly shown, how the people have solved the earthquake problem by building their houses to rest on posts, rather than on solid foundations. The theory is that, if an earthquake comes—and they are most common in Japan—the house may simply be rocked off its feet and deposited on the ground into which, when the foundations were of masonry, the entire building might well be crumbled.

DEVELOP MOUNTAIN LAND

BEREA, Ky., March.—In view of the food shortage throughout the country Berea college, in the great mountain region of the south, is making a special effort to develop the surrounding mountain land. Berea's chief endeavor is being made through a two-year course in mountain agriculture, the graduates of which are proving the best "farm demonstrators" in government.

The educational work which Berea is doing along this line is probably unique among college activities. According to President Frost, the region is not naturally one to be thought of for great supplies. He says, "Perhaps not more than one-fifth of its area can ever be plowed. But as a source of food, the region must be cultivated. It is the man who has poor land who needs agricultural instruction most."

LADIES' NIGHT

Large Crowd Spent Enjoyable Evening at Rollaway—Skating Bears Here Next Week

The Ladies' night held at the Rollaway rink on Hurd street last evening was attended by the largest crowd of the season. The plan of permitting the ladies of the city to skate free of charge every Monday evening is making a great hit with all. Tomorrow evening another of those delightful one-week parties will be held at the rink. It will be a "Mysterious Dollar" party with prizes for the lucky ones. There will be no admission charged and the general public is invited. On Friday evening there will be a subscription party, while on Saturday St. Patrick's day, souvenirs will be presented to all.

Special school children's sessions every Saturday morning. All next week the skating hours will be seen at the rink. "Snookums" appears as a nurse, while "Snookums" is some comedian. Both bears will wrestle with boys from the audience.

THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE ON PINE CULTURE

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A comparatively little known but valuable tree most often called slash pine is fast becoming a longed-for pine in many sections of the south, says the forest service. In some respects this tree is considered a better tree than longleaf. Its growth, according to the foresters, is more rapid and its yield of turpentine larger, while the wood is said to be the heaviest, hardest, and strongest commercial wood grown in the country.

The term, "slash pine," is explained, is popularly applied to several southern pines, notably the loblolly, with which the true slash pine is often confused because of its close resemblance. The slash pine is also sometimes called "Cuban," "sawamp" or "she pine."

The chief reason for the rapid spread of the tree are its frequent and abundant seed production, very rapid growth, ability to endure the shade of other trees and its capacity to adapt itself to a wide range of environment. That it is a tree which will withstand the combination of forest fires and insect-back logs is also considered of importance by the foresters who say that the tree is destined to play an important part in the future of the cut-over lands of the south. As an example of the high money returns obtained by planting slash pine, it is stated that a 20-year-old stand of slash pine averaged 100 trees per acre, each of which had one cubic foot of merchantable wood. The owner of such a stand, if he sold the wood for \$2 per cubic foot, would have a total of \$200 per acre for the privilege of tapping the tree.

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED FOR IN LOWELL AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 13.—The official list of candidates for the constitutional convention to be voted for in the city of Lowell and in the neighboring towns, in the order of their appearance on the ballot, is as follows:

- 5th Congressional District**
(Four to be elected, no primary.)
Chester W. Clark, Wilmington.
John W. Daly, Lowell.
Edward Fisher, Westford.
Hamlet S. Greenwood, Lowell.
James Wilson Grimes, Reading.
H. Harding Hale, Hudson.
William Odlin, Andover.
- 11th Middlesex Rep. District**
(One to be elected, no primary.)
Edward J. Robbins, Chelmsford.
- 14th Middlesex Rep. District (Lowell)**
(Four to be nominated at primary, two to be elected.)
Charles E. Anderson, 7 Bowden st.
Peter Daly, 208 Broadway.
John P. Earley, 130 Sixth st.
John F. Gookin, 134 Hanks st.
J. Joseph Hennessy, 287 North st.
Patrick F. Nestor, 318 Stackpole st.
Fisher H. Pearson, 30 Wentworth st.
John J. Quensen, 29 Broadway.
Hugh Walker, 14 Hanks st.
- 15th Middlesex Rep. District (Lowell)**
(Six to be nominated at primary, three to be elected.)
Smith J. Adams, 11 Guilford terrace.
William J. Carroll, 83 E. st.
Henry V. Charbonneau, 980 Moody st.
Oscar C. Dewel, 1081 Middlesex st.
David Dickson, 142 Smith st.
Abraham S. Goldman, 235 Branch st.
Charles T. Kilpatrick, 27 Maryland st.
- 16th Middlesex Rep. District (Lowell)**
(Two to be nominated at primary, one to be elected.)
John C. Loggall, 640 Broadway.
Henry J. Thompson, 87 West 4th st.
William H. Wilson, 511 Westford rd.
- 17th Middlesex Rep. District**
(Two to be nominated at primary, one to be elected.)
Maude A. Burck, Billerica.
Warren W. Fox, Danvers.
John W. Hathaway, Wilmington.
Charles H. Williams, Billerica.

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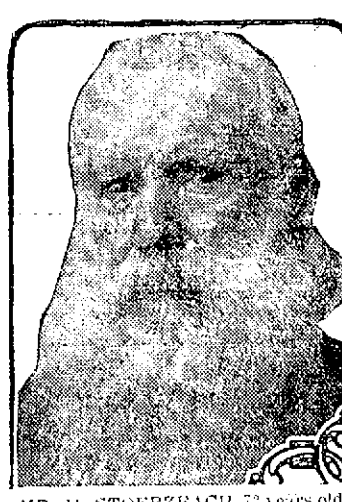
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A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

Quarter of a century ago an attempt was made to annex the city of Cambridge to Boston, but after several lively hearings the project fell through and Cambridge is still a city in its own right and the county seat of Middlesex county. Lowell was much interested in the plan because in the event of Cambridge becoming a part of Boston, Lowell would become the county seat and principal city of the county. The old Sun had the following mention of the matter:

"A hearing was held at the state house, Wednesday on the proposed annexation of Cambridge to Boston. Many Lowell gentlemen, including Secretary Smith of the board of trade, Col. James W. Bennett, Hon. John J. Donovan, J. L. Chaffin and Representative Bartlett were present to favor annexation, but there was a formidable array of opponents."

"The Cambridge postoffice today comes under the Boston office but in no other way are the two cities affiliated."

Old Time Polo Player

Old timers will pleasantly recall the late Billy Hill, Lowell's crack polo player of days gone by whose death

occurred just quarter of a century ago. The old Sun noted it as follows:

"William H. Hill, aged 35 years, died after a brief illness at the home of his parents, 543 Central street, Wednesday evening. He was a young man of pleasing disposition and had a large circle of friends. Mr. Hill was a well known polo player, having played with the Lowells, Salems and New Havens. He was a member of the Elks and Big Twelve."

Lowell had the polo craze over quarter of a century ago and the fans went wild over it. Then they lost interest in it and basketball got the popular fancy. After a run of basketball Frank Parsons came here and established polo again, at Huntington hall, and once more the city went crazy over the game. But after a few seasons it passed out of popularity once more and now we have basketball coming back strong, for since Cecil Dodge and Paul Clark reorganized the Lowell Five, interest in this popular game is beginning to boom again and at last the days of Associate Hall, a large and enthusiastic crowd rooted for the home team. The basketball players of today are practically all new faces, barring perhaps Bucky Lew, who broke into the game at about the time that it passed out before. As a worthy successor to Albie Allard, we now have Jimmie Grant, a product of the Y.M.C.A. who is perhaps the classiest basketball shooter in the city at the present time.

St. Patrick's Day Weather
Quarter of a century ago the Irish and French societies held a monster parade on St. Patrick's day and they had a day that was "clear, calm and agreeable" as the old Sun described it. The weather prophets were somewhat mistaken for they predicted a heavy fall of snow for St. Patrick's day. As good fortune would have it, the storm held back until the close of the celebration, but just as the fun was over and everybody got home the snow started to fall and it came down heavily for 24 hours afterward. Here's hoping that the storms will keep away until after the coming celebration is over. A feature of this year's celebration that was not dreamed of quarter of a century ago will be the St. Patrick's night celebration in the different hotels of the city, with feasting, favors, cabarets and music. Could you imagine ladies and gentlemen celebrating publicly in the hotel dining rooms quarter of a century ago?

Harry Pollard, Adjutant
In days gone by it was customary for the High School battalion to hold a midwinter prize drill followed by dancing and that of quarter of a century ago was described by the old Sun as follows:

"The semi-annual prize drill and reception of the High School battalion was held in Huntington hall last evening, and the attendance of youthful soldiers and spectators was large. The dress parade and competitive company drill were loudly applauded. The judges were Capt. Bean, Capt. Lull and Lieut. Greig, and according to their finding the prize went to Company B. The officers of the battalion and companies are as follows: Major Donald G. Campbell, adjutant, Harry G. Pollard, quartermaster, F. G. Barnard, quartermaster, J. P. Wright, sergeant-major, Henry B. Boulger, drum-sergeant, F. S. Kingsbury, Company A, William A. Duncan, 1st lieutenant, C. A. Martin, 2d lieutenant, F. J. Campbell, Company B—Captain G. C. Pierce, 1st lieutenant, C. H. Spaulding, 2d lieutenant, T. J. Connors, Company C—Captain, C. A. Page, 1st lieutenant, L. G. Hutton, Company D—Captain, H. E. Pickering, 1st lieutenant, H. W. Clough, 2d lieutenant, A. S. Howard. The drill was followed by dancing to the music of the American orchestra. Among the out-of-town military guests present were Major S. Anderson, Adj. Polley, Capt. Chase, Capt. Tent, Lieut. Tenney, Lieut. Deane, Sergt.-Maj. Ross and Corp. Clifford of Chelsea; Maj. Swastick of Wakefield; Lieut. Hargett of Wakefield; Capt. Roberts of Andover; Lieut. Cox and Baker of Manchester and Capt. Dana of Billerica."

They Were Increasing Them Then
Says The Sun of quarter of a century ago:

"The committee on finance has raised the salaries of several clerks. Clerk Stephen J. Kirby, of the assessors' office, got a raise from \$1400 to \$1600, and Clerk William J. Reardon, from \$1000 to \$1200; Clerk Sullivan of the auditor's office, from \$800 to \$1000. Assistant Treasurer Sillars, from \$1000 to \$1100; Clerk Farrell of the treasurer's office, from \$700 to \$1000, and Clerk Foote, of the same office a raise of \$2 per week. Assistant City Clerk McCarthy to \$1200 and Miss Colby of the

CY SULLOWAY'S DEATH LEAVES PARTY TIE IN NATIONAL HOUSE

Interest Now Centres in Whether His Successor Can be Elected Before Opening of Extra Session of Congress—New Primary Law May Stand in the Way

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The death yesterday of Hon. Cyrus A. Sulloway, republican, member of congress from the first New Hampshire district, leaves a vacancy in the republican ranks of the house which puts back on an even basis the tie between the two major parties, leaving 214 republicans and 214 democrats, with five who may be classed as doubtful to form the membership of the house when it convenes April 15, unless existing vacancies are previously filled. The question of just how soon New Hampshire will call for an election to fill the Sulloway vacancy is at this moment a question which is agitating the political circles of Washington. Mr. Sulloway's death has caused the first vacancy since the enactment of the primary law in that state and the question of whether or not the nomination of his successor shall be made at a primary or whether it will follow along former lines, may spell republican or democratic organization of the national house of representatives at the beginning of the extra session next month. It may name the speaker, the chairman of important committees and put the patronage into the hands of one or the other of the two great parties. The New Hampshire primary law of filing intentions of candidacy 60 days before the date of the primary, would make the election of Mr. Sulloway's successor impossible before calling a town meeting on 14 days' notice is all that is required, his

successor could be sealed by April 15. An immediate election would give a majority of one to whichever of the major parties Mr. Sulloway's successor might represent, while a delay will continue the tie, unless a death or resignation of another member occurs before April 15. The interpretation of the new Hampshire law may be nation-wide in its result, and the interest here is intense.

Men familiar with New Hampshire statutes seem to hold the opinion that the primary will not apply to the present instance on account of a clause found in the supplement which states "This shall not apply to special elections to fill vacancies," but it is probable there will be a wide division of opinion regarding the interpretation of the law and that it will be put before the supreme court for a decision. The sentiment prevailing among New Hampshire men here, who are well versed in the political affairs of that state, that there will be a new crop of candidates for the position, and that few if any of the men who contested for the seat at the primary last fall, will again enter the race. Owing to the tie vote in the house, and the matters of tremendous importance, both national and international, which must come before congress at the very opening of the session, there is a vast amount of speculation as to the political outcome of the special election which must soon be called in New Hampshire and the little Granite State may prove the pivot on which the makeup of the national house may turn.

RICHARDS.

auditor's office was voted \$1 more per week."

A Lowell Acrobat

Says The Sun of quarter of a century ago:

"Joseph Donnelly, Jr., who came to Lowell to attend the funeral of his father, the late Joseph Donnelly, known in theatrical circles as Joseph Argo, of Argo and Lee, acrobats, and hand balancers. He had recently been playing at the Bijou theatre, in Boston, and started Wednesday evening to fill an engagement in New York."

Joseph Donnelly, "Argo," was one of the country's noted acrobats of some years ago, and is brother of Jack Donnelly, of baseball fame. The Bijou theatre, referred to, is now Keith's theatre. The Bijou theatre opened over quarter of a century ago as the home of English opera, and it was here that the famous Boston Ideal Opera company, with Zella D. Lussan, Tom Karl and the other favorites of quarter of a century ago made their great hits. At that time Keith and Bachelder had a dime museum with a curio hall and a small stage show almost next door to the Bijou, where Clark's hotel now stands. Boston old-timers will recall Keith and Bachelder's little museum with the "living head," an optical illusion, in the front of the theatre, to attract the attention of the passing crowds."

Some Baseball Talk
All the local baseball talk that one hears these days is that Zeke Lohman has bobbed up at Marlin, Texas, and that Snubner Greenhalge is battling for 300 at the Cartridge shop, but nothing is heard as to whether or not we are going to have any good baseball in Lowell this summer. Cecil Dodge is said to be working upon a small inter-city league, while in all probability the South Ends, Lawrence Mfg. Kimballs and the other semi-pro teams will be in the game again. This time of year, quarter of a century ago, the old Sun began to talk baseball, and announced the formation of the celebrated South End team as follows:

"The South End team has organized for the season as follows: G. Keddy, captain; T. Foudy, J. Ball, F. Farrell, J. Wayne, W. Lawler, M. Kane, J. Cuff, C. Curtis, S. Quinn and T. Conley. F. Kane was elected manager. They will open the season April 3, when they will cross bats with the Burkes."

It will be noted that they opened pretty early in the year in those days for fast day came early and marked the opening of outdoor sports. The date was too early in fact for baseball, and the fans were well pleased when Past day was abandoned and Patriots day substituted.

The old Sun also tells us the following:

"The Mathews have cancelled the game they had intended to play with the Hasidim on Fast day and will go to Manchester instead. Hocho and Flynn will be the battery for the Mathews."

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Although an Englishman by birth and familiar with the game of cricket, "Tom" Whittaker's favorite sport was baseball, and so dyed-in-the-wool was he that for many years whenever the world's series was to be played within reaching distance of Boston, as for instance, New York, Philadelphia or Brooklyn, "Tom" would arrange to have his vacation while the world's series was being played, and invariably he'd take it in. But one good English sport to which he remained loyal, was that of whippet-racing and it was "Tom" Whittaker who introduced the whippet to Lowell. Largely through his influence and that of Michael J. MacKham, then a member of the old common council, one of the biggest whippet handicaps ever held in this country took place on the South common, on July 4th, 1898. There were some 55 dogs entered including some of the fastest in America, and several owned by "Tom" himself. Just prior to quarter of a century ago Mr. Whittaker took charge of the Lowell baseball team in days when the game was a losing proposition in this city. Like the other old time baseball "magicians" in Lowell, he lost some of his

hard-earned money, but it didn't cease him to lose interest in the game, and he was on deck at Spalding park whenever his duties permitted him. He was also the principal rooter and official scorer for every police baseball team for the past 25 years, and he was an authority on the rules of the game.

THE OLD TIMER.

CHANGE IN JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

PEKING, March.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Chinese newspapers are devoting much space to discussion of the apparent change in Japan's attitude towards China. Papers of all parties and factions share the opinion that Japan has abandoned, at least temporarily, all thought of physical conquest of China, and is devoting itself to an economic conquest.

Japan's attitude towards the new American enterprises in China and the renewed efforts of Japanese bankers to entrench themselves more thoroughly through loans of various sorts are widely discussed in the Chinese press as well as in parliament. The following statement from the Peking Daily News is representative of the view generally taken by the Chinese press: "At Tokio the belief prevails that Japan will continue her endeavor to increase her political influence in China. The Japanese business men are continually clamoring for a political ascendancy that will not be so abrupt as to endanger peace. What they want is a thorough economic conquest of the neighboring republic."

"The readiness with which the Chinese recently granted American capitalists the concession to build a long railroad and their hesitation in making contracts with the Japanese have awakened the Japanese to the fact that ascendancy in China, to be successful, must be accompanied by some measure of trust and confidence. The Japanese have tricked the Chinese so much that the Chinese have lost all confidence in their neighbors, both politically and commercially. "The situation as it stands between

the United States, China and Japan is in its infancy, but it is growing daily, and will have to be taken into consideration soon."

Chinese papers throughout the republic show hostility to any financial arrangement in which Japan has a hand. There is a general disposition to discourage joint action between any group of foreign powers and China, if Japan be included in the group. Chinese newspapers are practically unanimous in their expression of the hope that American bankers will invest large sums in the development of China without co-operation with foreign powers. The United States is heralded as the one country which has dealt fairly with China and has no desire to acquire Chinese territory and exert undue political pressure on China through financial channels.

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FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMED GUARDS ON SHIPS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Complete and definite instructions to the "armed guards" to be placed aboard American merchant craft bound through the German submarine zones have been completed by the navy department and approved by Secretary Lansing. They will be forwarded to the navy personnel aboard the merchant craft whenever the ships which are to be armed are ready to sail.

The nature of the instructions will not be made public. They were carefully prepared by navy officials and then submitted to Secretary Lansing, at whose suggestion some amendments were made. It is planned not to broadcast the orders generally through the naval service, but to furnish the officer in command of the armed guard on each ship with a copy when his vessel is ready to sail. The navy department is making every effort to suppress all information regarding armed ships, such as sailing dates, the equipment put aboard by the navy, the personnel supplied to handle the guns or anything that might be of the slightest value to an enemy. It was made official, however, that no conflict of jurisdiction between the ship master and the gun crews would arise.

VATICAN LOOKS INTO FRENCH GIRL'S VISION

SEEKS DETAILS IN "SECOND JOAN OF ARC" CASE—PARIS CLERGY SEND REPORT

ROME, via Paris, March 13.—The Vatican is taking a great interest in the reported visions of Mlle. Perchaud and the commandant is supposed to have received instructions from the French archbishop to report already has been received from the archbishop in Paris and further details are being asked of the archbishop there.

Mlle. Perchaud, 25 years of age, daughter of a farmer of the department of La Vendée, has stirred the imagination of the French by her declaration that, like Joan of Arc, she had seen visions and heard voices commanding her to guide the armies of France to victory. At present Mlle. Perchaud is living in a Paris boarding house conducted by nuns.

INTER MOUNTAIN RATES CASES

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The interstate commerce commission has placed before all railroads concerned proposals looking to the permanent reduction of the inter-mountain rate cases. The plan provides for the abolition of preferential rates in existence for many years on many articles of west bound trans-continental freight to Pacific coast ports.

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LABOR REGISTRATION Continued

Howe, members of the waterways commission, appeared before the council and talked at length on the protection of the city streams and urged action on the part of the council.

The council convened at 10 o'clock. Mr. Morse coming in a moment later. A hearing was given to the N. E. T. & T. Co. on its petition for the erection of poles in West Sixth and Dalton streets. The petitions were referred.

John Cunningham, representing his mother, who owns property at Bayshore and Rogers streets, part of which was seized by the city three years ago when that corner was widened, appeared before the council and stated that although his mother had been awarded \$40 for damages, she had never received a cent and that he did not think she was being given a square deal. Mr. Cunningham said that his mother believed the sum of \$200 was a fair award as the best part of the lawn surrounding the house had been destroyed in the taking and also a large elm tree. Commissioner Morse said that he had done the work in keeping with the plans and that he was a city engineer and that the matter now was up to the law department. Following some discussion, on motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Mr. Morse, the sum of \$100 was voted Mrs. Cunningham for the damage to the lawn.

Hearings were given Tuesday, April 3, at 10 a. m., on the petitions of Stella W. Smith, Eugene N. Morrill, A. J. Ramsdell, City Hall garage, and the United Tire Co. for garage and gasoline licenses.

A hearing was given T. A. Palmer on his petition for a garage license at 549 Westford street. The matter was referred.

Margaret McNamara and Louise B. Woods filed claims for personal injuries and Mrs. Ellen Kelly, through counsel, Charles A. Donahue, asked for a hearing on her claim for personal injuries sustained in a fall in Pond street last December. The hearing was set for next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The N. E. T. & T. Co. asked for permission to erect and maintain two poles in Cross street, six poles in Birney avenue and four poles in Boston street. The L. E. L. Corp. asked for permission to erect two poles in Crowley street. A hearing was set for March 27, at 10 a. m.

Edward White was elected a weigh-master of coal and hay.

The mayor read a letter from John F. Meahan, marshal of the St. Patrick's day parade, inviting the council to review the parade. Mr. Morse moved that the out-of-town guests be entertained on that day and that a sufficient sum of money be taken from the commissioners' fund for that purpose. It was so voted.

The Donovan Harpers Co. filed a claim amounting to \$177.97 for alleged damages to its store, resulting from a water pipe leak in Palmer street.

LABOR REGISTRATION
The following communication was then read from the civil service commission:

Mr. Stephen Flynn, City Clerk, Lowell, Mass.
Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 24th ultimo, regarding this commission that at a meeting of the municipal council, held Feb. 13, it was voted that an appropriation be allowed for civil service labor registration in Lowell, I am directed by the commission to say that the registration of laborers under civil service law will be continued and that the civil service commission will endeavor to have the registration continued as heretofore, so that no appointments can be made in the labor service without registration upon the registration clerk in Lowell.

Please convey this information to the members of the municipal council, and oblige.

Yours very truly,
Warren P. Dudley, Secretary.

The letter was received without comment and placed on file to await the completion of the sidewalk in Putnam avenue as petitioned for by G. Herbert Chapman and others.

Simon Flynn Penalties
Simon Flynn, a veteran of the Civil war, and an employee of the city water department, was fined \$12.50 for being drunk on the job and placed on the pension list. A letter was read from City Physician T. J. Luzzatti, stating that the ink was yellowed and aged, and that the ink was not in a fit condition to continue active work. Commissioner Brown introduced an order placing Flynn on the pension list at the salary of \$25.00 per annum. This is a sum equal to one-half his average compensation during the past two years.

His unanimous vote the order was passed.

Commissioner Brown introduced an order authorizing him to make requisition upon the purchasing agent for the purchase of two ink boxes. The emergency clause was attached to the order. It passed.

Mr. T. S. Bartlett and others addressed a letter to the council, asking for a hearing on the matter of proper grading of the approaches to the new Hawthorne bridge. A hearing was set for Friday evening of this week, at 7:45 o'clock before the full council.

Commissioner Warnock was given authority to expend the sum of about \$15 for the installation of a disinfecting machine at the Chambered Street hospital.

Authority also was given for the calling of bids on electric lighting and plumbing at the new contagious hospital.

Warnock Takes Chair
Mayor O'Donnell left the mayor's chair and Commissioner Warnock took the chair.

Jackson Palmer of the waterways commission addressed the council relative to the proper fencing of the city waterways. Mr. Palmer repeated the



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statement alleged to have been made at the state house by Frank E. Dunbar, counsel for the Locks and Canals, that the company was erecting fences for the protection of the waterways and not of the public. Mr. Palmer said that the locks and canals would offer every obstruction possible to prevent being forced to comply with the orders of the municipal council, and that it was high time for a show down on the whole matter.

Mr. Palmer asked the council to request the locks and canals to have representatives present at a hearing on the proper safeguarding of the canal in front street and in the rear of the Hamilton mills counting room. Mr. Palmer asked that the council do its part in preventing swimming below the sewer lines this coming summer and to take whatever action possible in obtaining a swimming hole in one of the canals which would be under police supervision. He also spoke of the danger spots in the Merrimack river during the time when ice is being harvested there. "The city has not one ally in its power to protect the lives of its children," said Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Warnock said that a vote was passed by the council about two weeks ago instructing the mayor to arrange a conference between the council, the waterways commission, the Warnock Power Co. and the Locks and Canals, but that he had not heard anything about it since. "The council is ready for the conference any time the mayor arranges it," said Mr. Warnock.

Mr. Palmer: "The city of Lawrence is not over this matter and its legislators have appeared before the legislative committee in Boston on the agitation. Only two of the legislators from Lowell have appeared before the committee, the others seem afraid to come out and speak. They appear afraid of the powerful mill influences that they have brought to bear upon them if they do speak."

Harry W. J. Howe of the waterways commission also spoke, and asked that the city solicitor be instructed to appear at the next hearing at the state house on this matter, which comes up again on March 26.

Mr. Howe also asked that a conference be arranged with the Warnock Power Co. relative to danger spots along the Concord river.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Palmer about the locks and canals charter. Mr. Palmer said it was granted them in 1792.

Mr. Brown: "If the locks and canals have not complied with their charter, is there any way to have it revoked?"

Mr. Palmer replied that he thought that extremely doubtful, but that the best method of procedure would be to enforce legislation, making the company comply with the charter.

It was voted that the entire matter be left in the hands of the city solicitor.

Mr. Palmer of the American Voting Machine Co. wished to demonstrate one of the company's machines, which was set up in the council chamber. He was granted this permission as soon as the meeting adjourned.

Employment of Auditor
Mr. Warnock said he had one other little matter he wished to bring to the attention of the council. He read the following opinion from the city solicitor relative to the employment of an accountant to make an audit of the city books.

Mr. Francis A. Warnock, Commissioner of Public Property and Licenses, Lowell, Mass.
Dear Sir:—You proposed the following query:

"What is the authority of the municipal council in directing an audit of the books of the city, having in view the matter of a government or corporation being engaged by the commissioner of finance, and subsequently thereto the municipal council instructing the treasurer and city auditor to decline paying or approving the bills of said auditor?"

After the reading of the opinion, the council adjourned till Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

GEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION

PETROGRAD, March.—An important geological expedition is to be undertaken by Russian scientists into the mountainous region of Tuba, Caucasus, for the exploration of mineral beds there. It is hoped that the expedition will be able to recommend the exploitation of extensive beds of coal and certain rare minerals. The expedition will be led by M. Andrusov, a well known Russian geologist.

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MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED IN SMUGGLING PLOT

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 13.—Further developments in the alleged plots to smuggle chronometers ashore from the German commerce raiders Krossing Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Philadelphia navy yard, were expected today. In addition to the five persons, including one woman, already under arrest on the nominal charge of smuggling as the result of the investigation being conducted by agents of the department of justice, it was reported that a number of others would be taken into custody within 24 hours. It is said unofficially that a violation of the neutrality laws may be involved and that the plot may have nation-wide ramifications.

The 19 chronometers said to have been smuggled from the ships and which are believed to be of vital importance in the investigation were sent yesterday to an expert clockmaker for examination to determine whether there had been an attempt to tamper with the works and if so what it indicated. Federal agents said the chronometers could be used to explode bombs which might be secreted in the vessels for the purpose of destroying them in case of war.

Orders authorizing a search of the interned raiders were expected from Washington today. Mayor Smith yesterday made a personal appeal to Secretary Daniels of the navy department for the removal of the two ships on the ground that they constituted a menace to the safety of the city. He was assured that every precaution was being taken by the authorities and that the transfer of the German crews already was under consideration.

The investigation yesterday as far as it was permitted to be made public, centered to a great extent around Adelbert K. Fischer and his wife, two of those arrested in connection with the smuggling plot. It was learned that the Schutte & Kaestner company, of which Fischer is president, is a branch of a large German marine engineering concern located at Hamburg and that it has been engaged in the manufacture of parts of oil burning engines for American warships. Several years ago, it was said, the company manufactured shells for the government. Mr. Fischer's father is said to be at the head of the parent company in Hamburg.

and having in view also the matter of the municipal council's voting to employ another to audit said books."

Section 25 of the charter states: "The municipal council shall determine the policies to be pursued and the work to be undertaken in each department, but each commissioner shall have full power to carry out the policies of the department and to determine the manner in which the work shall be performed."

This language is clear and explicit and vests in the municipal council full and complete authority to direct and select the books of the city and to audit the accounts of accountants to perform said work, and the commissioner in whose department the supervision of said work becomes shall act in the performance of said work under the direction of the council.

Section 25, of course, "empowers the commissioner of finance to cause the audit of the books of the city and accounts of accountants to be made, and is subject to the direction of the council as set forth in Section 25, and if the council in its discretion considers that a certain accountant or auditor is better fitted, or may be more economically employed than another, the choice made by the council must be adopted by the commissioner of finance. It is therefore, in conclusion, would say, that it appears to me that Mr. Rex, having been engaged by the municipal council to conduct the examination of the books of the city, is incompetent upon the commissioner of finance to have such examination made by Mr. Rex.

Sincerely yours,
William D. Rogan,
City Solicitor.

After the reading of the opinion, the council adjourned till Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

HOME GUARD TO ACT IN CARE OF WAR

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 13.—The military emergency board, created by act of the general assembly on Friday last, today announced the Home Guard training plan for every city in Connecticut and for some of the larger towns. This guard will be raised among former members of the National Guard and men above military age. Enlistments will be for two years and members will be equipped and drilled in every way for suppression of disturbances, police duty and to replace the National Guard for home duty if the latter is called away.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF GOLD
NEW YORK, Mar. 13.—Another shipment of gold, amounting to \$7,200,000, has been received from Canada at the United States assay office here for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. It was announced today. This raises the gold receipts since Jan. 1 to a total of \$229,790,000, and since Jan. 1, 1915, to \$1,558,200,000.

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NO FREIGHT CONGESTION ON N. E. ROADS

BOSTON, March 12.—Officers of the principal railroads in New England reported today that their lines had been relieved of virtually all freight congestion. Embargoes, increased demurrage rates and other restrictions, together with the co-operation of shippers and consignees, have made it possible, they said, to handle expeditiously all cars accepted by their lines. The daily average freight cars on the New York, New Haven & Hartford, the Boston & Maine, and the Boston & Albany roads is nearly 10,000. The New Haven and the Boston & Maine report that they are delivering more cars to other lines than are received at their connections, while the Boston & Albany statement indicates that its incoming and outgoing traffic is about even.

No embargoes have been placed by these lines on foodstuffs, livestock, coal, lumber, building materials, agricultural machinery and other necessities for use in New England. While the roads are handicapped to some extent by a lack of cars, freight department officials said the situation in general has improved greatly within the past few weeks.

TERRY MARTIN BEATEN BY JACK WOLFE

BALTIMORE, Md., March 12.—Terry Martin, New England bantam weight, was outpointed by Jack Wolfe of Cleveland in an interesting 15-round battle last night. Martin was virtually beaten all the way.

TRANSFERRED TO EL PASO

Captain Sutherland, U.S.A., Commandant of Cadet Corps at N. H. College, Notified of Change

DURHAM, N. H., March 12.—Capt. S. J. Sutherland, U.S.A., commandant of the cadet corps at New Hampshire college, has received notice of his transfer to El Paso, Tex. College officials were informed by the war department that his successor would be Capt. C. A. Hunt of the 18th Infantry.

Capt. Hunt, who was graduated from the college in 1901, headed the corps before Capt. Sutherland came here.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

KEITH'S THEATRE

Quite a bit of music and some breezy comedy are to be found on the bill at B. F. Keith's theatre this week. Eva Taylor and Lawrence Grattan & Co. present the sketch, "Rocking the Boat," which has enjoyed universal popularity wherever it has been shown. Run with complicated situations all of which are cleared up in the end, but which form the basis of a number of incidents including the death of a young man, "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith" are spending their honeymoon on shipboard, where Mrs. Smith meets her brother-in-law, a wrecked and happy home. Brother and sister plan ways and means of disposing of a troublesome cat. The cat's name is Tom, so is the husband. When poison and drowning are spoken of husband draws dire inferences, especially as his wife has just had him insured for \$25,000. Husband plans to take suicide to even up with his wife, but the latter overhears the scheme and does a little death scene on her own hook. The sketch is well played.

Joe Towle, minus "Makeup," but with a piano and no stool, is a sparkling comedian. He talks about everything and nothing in particular. He is tired to death of applause and really doesn't care whether you show your appreciation or not. He knows he is good; he admits it. He can pound out happy harmony on the piano, whether he is standing up, or sitting down on an empty receptacle which at one time carried quantities of the liquid which thrills but never lubricates. Joe passed the censor board last night with flying colors.

Announcements of the English language are Clark and Verdi. The latter one has been on this side long enough to realize the power of politics and he offers to get a job for his fellow countryman, Antonio Pasquale. Boots. Before the act has gone very far the name is shortened to Tony Boots and the pair provide good fun for fully 15 minutes.

The "Dream Garden" is a rather elaborately staged musical act, presented by six girls in clever costumes. The play is a clever one.

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who plays the bass horn. Martinetti and Sylvester do a good acrobatic act, tripping over chairs and tables being their principal pastime. Natalie Morgan has a sweet voice and sings a number of pleasing numbers, while Neher and Kappel whirl and pivot on roller skates.

The Pathe News shows many interesting pictures, many of which are new here in our own New England. Tickets for the remainder of the week may be obtained in advance at the box office. Phone 28.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Mike Sacks, that clever comedian, who is with the Marcus Musical Comedy Co. at the Academy of Music this week, kept a racket house convulsed with laughter last night. Mike is a whole show in himself, one great big scream from the time he appears on the stage until the leaves and he is surrounded by several other good comedians and a chorus, the like of which has not been seen in this city for years.

Dave Harris, who spent the greater part of his life in this city, is there with the laugh provoking material as Bob Alexander. Alexander is a mirth maker and Charles Abbatte is all to the merriment. One of the features of the show is the big chorus, there being 20 girls in all.

Beatrice Miller is a graceful dancer and is possessed of a good voice. Marie Gerard, the littlest girl who makes the bit, is a wonderful performer and her acrobatic dancing beggars description.

The Keene sisters, Evelyn, Edie, Doris and Florence, who recently came from London, England, are stellar attractions. They are wonderful workers and deserve every bit of applause they receive.

Marie Morey, who appears in the singing song, is a very clever girl with a wonderful personality. She proved a thing doing every minute they are on the stage. It is all new stuff and it comes so fast that the audience wonders where their storehouse of fun is located.

The show opens with the skit "Arrival of the Theatrical Troupe." Mike Sacks as "Izzy," the bell boy, is right there with the goods and Dave Harris, as the proprietor of the hotel, makes a big hit. When it comes to impersonating a tramp there is nothing that is getting by Bob Alexander.

The second part of the show, "A Sobering Game of Poker," is the funniest farce that has been witnessed in this city for a long time. The principal work is done by Mike Sacks, Bob Alexander and Jack Clary. Especially in "The Masquerader" Mr. Post is given an opportunity to show the very best of his great talent as an actor. "The Masquerader" was written by Katherine Cecil Thurston and found a large public favor in book form. It is a fascinating story and deals with two men alike in personal appearance, but

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GUY BATES POST AND THAIS LAWTON IN "THE MASQUERADER."

THE PLYMOUTH THEATRE, BOSTON

Richard Walton Tully's production of "The Masquerader," with Guy Bates Post in the stellar part, will enter upon its third week at the Plymouth Theatre, Boston, next Monday evening. Guy Bates Post has, through the creation of very distinctive characters, through recent years proved himself one of the most notable of American players. His interpretation of Omar, the dramatic version, has endeavored, with success, to hold in it that great element of success.

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AMERICA NOT "BLUFFING"

Members of the Gerard party just returned from Germany assert that the officials of that country believed up until the diplomatic rupture occurred that the United States was merely bluffing in its threats of action in defense of its rights on the sea. Indeed it appears that some of Germany's friends in this country have been responsible not only for that delusion, but for the more ludicrous report that in case of war between this country and Germany, there would be a popular uprising here that would paralyze the government.

It was even alleged, quite falsely of course, that millions of German-Americans would take the side of Germany in case of war between that nation and the United States.

It is very strange that a nation otherwise so keen and progressive as Germany, could be galled by such humbug as that.

Well, the word has gone out to the world that in the matter of defending our rights at sea, President Wilson is not bluffing, nor is congress bluffing in its expressed readiness to back up the president in the policy of armed neutrality; nor are the people bluffing in their very general endorsement of this policy as the only means of defending neutral commerce on the high seas against the most ruthless plan of destruction ever devised by the mind of man.

This nation is determined to reassert neutral rights and bring marine warfare within the limits recognized and approved by international law. Whether the step taken by President Wilson will result in war depends entirely upon Germany. If that nation in her desperation persists in destroying American ships as well as those of belligerent nations, then it is difficult to see how war can be avoided.

DRUNKEN CHAUFFEURS

A Salem newspaper man of good standing recently created a sensation at a hearing before the committee on roads and bridges when he asserted that a man carrying a Massachusetts license of competency and fitness to operate an automobile was a confirmed drunkard. His specific statement was as follows:

"At the present session of the superior court for Essex county this man was sent to the house of correction for three months for operating an automobile while intoxicated; he had a record of 14 arrests for drunkenness since 1911, and four times since Sept. 20, 1916; he was so drunk when arrested that he could not stand without falling; he ran down a motorcyclist and broke his leg and smashed his motorcycle; he had a half pint of liquor in his pocket, and admitted having drunk two or three times before he got out of Chelsea. The man had been three times sentenced to the house of correction for drunkenness since 1911, and had paid fines amounting to \$80 in sums of from \$5 to \$15.

The state highway commission which has the power to issue chauffeurs' licenses, has certainly made a blunder in this case. It revokes a license on evidence of careless driving or any other evidence of unfitness. Why not make provision that any chauffeur convicted of drunkenness or of driving an automobile under the influence of drink shall be deprived of his license without hope of being restored?

It is no wonder that automobile accidents are numerous if even a small number of men of this type are licensed to drive motor cars on the highways of the state.

STREET RAILWAY MATTERS

The Bay State Street Railway company, with antiquated equipment and inefficient methods, has been making more than six per cent. on its inflated capitalization in this city. With modern equipment and efficient methods it can turn over a profit of more than seven per cent. even without squeezing the water from its stock. Is that not a "reasonable" profit? Has any public service corporation a right to demand more? Are not the interests of the people who grant the franchises and make the profitable operation of street cars possible to be considered at all? —Fall River Herald.

It would seem that Lowell is not the only city in which there is a kick over the service of the Bay State Street Railway service. Just at present the Fall River public is protesting against the order of the Public Service Commission taking away the "six-ticket for a quarter" privilege. The Fall River people claim the service for that city is and should be local and independent, and that is, that it should not have to make up for the lack of income on interurban lines. Other cities naturally concur in this opinion.

STATE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

The state employment office, which has been conducted in Fall River since 1907 has been closed as a dead failure. It was supposed that it would serve as a sort of clearing house for the mills of the city but it didn't. When operatives wanted work in a mill, they applied at the office or the gate and when members of other crafts of organized labor wanted work, they applied to their respective unions.

The unemployed, it seems, had a dislike for the state employment bureau on the ground that it was intended to furnish a species of state aid. The mill workers of today are too independent to run any risk of being set down as leaning on the free services of a state bureau. The office has closed up and it is just as well. It never did any good and as a mere experiment it was a failure.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

The city of Lawrence has a forecast of an \$18.80 tax rate for the present year. This for a city that has, or has had, the reputation for not being blest with over thrifty government, is not so bad. Still Lawrence is copying after Lowell and may eventually follow our

Seen and Heard

Tight chauffeurs are responsible for more auto accidents than are loose tires.

Why not blindfold the motorists' eyes so they can't see their way to advance again?

Press Agent Was Peeved

The young woman swept majestically into the tea room of a New York hotel and explained to the waiter that she wanted English muffins and a pot of hot water. She poured out a cup of the water, then took a golden ball and dangled it daintily in the cup. "I always bring my tea with me. My dear father brought it from China, and it is very difficult to get," she said to the young man who had come in with her. "Grounder" growled the young man. "Why, ain't I doing it right?" she demanded. "Now, we don't get this over. Let's go," and they went. He was a press agent and she hoped to become a theatrical star.

In Love and Out Again

In the course of a wild, free fruit and vegetable life in New York city, Tony Cosco has sold "strawberry" long enough to recognize a musical voice when he hears one. That is why he was not cast down when Mrs. Rosa Weisenberger rejected his ways in the dumb waiter, but took rejection to the heart that she could reject all the vegetables in the world without offending yours sincerely, Tony Cosco.

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If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

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She slammed the dumb waiter door, but a few minutes later the door bell of the apartment rang. It was Tony who wished to say on behalf of himself and the vegetables that have had crept into his heart and that, although he abominably confined his affections to friends and strangers, he could spare one little kiss for Mrs. Weisenberger. The elevator boy heard the scuffle when she tried to close the door and he continued his persuasions. So a stout policeman came and removed Mr. Cosco, feet up, from the building. A magistrate arranged matters so that for six months Tony will be free from the temptation of sweet voices.

Familiarity Breeds Contempt

Famous men are men about whom we know little or nothing. What do we know about the home life of Paul Revere? We know about his dexterity as a bareback rider and his water-boarding, but what do we know about his domestic life? The breakfast table? And maybe Paul Revere was more amiable to be a jovial spirit in his home (if he had any) than he was to be a good bareback rider. If we know much about anybody he isn't a hero. That's why prophets have to leave their home towns. If eggs he loses his glamour. If we know anything at all specific about a great man it is better if there is some doubt about it—as to whether or not he really drinks like a fish, for instance. It is the same with places as it is with people. You are sure of them as it is with you. So, a fine point about fame, if you want to be famous, don't let anybody see you in your shirt sleeves unless you are a shirt sleeve genius—then a photograph is better than a personal view.



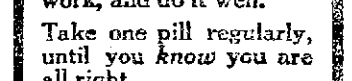
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view.) The public wants its heroes to keep their distance. It wants it famous not to get familiar. It thinks it wants to know all about them but it doesn't.

Reverse of a Suit Here's another little gem contributed by our good friend Bernard D. Ward of 138 South Street:

Wander twines the path thro' Aeneas woods.
Midst ferny leaves and briars,
I saunter in no loose, loose, loose,
When first the sun's bright fire
Peeps out from sullen murky skies,
And filters among the trees,
As glamb'rin Nature dries its eyes,
Kissed by the springtime breeze.

The daisy and the buttercup,
The primrose and the bluebell,
Violets over night spring up,
Adorn the hill and dell.
The blackbird this his morning song,
The lark his notes ring clear and strong,
And the robins are at play.

The murmuring of the bubble burst,
The whirring of the speckled trout,
Mak's music in our ears in turn
As it winds in and out.
Among the wooded banks and braes,
And heard in song and story,
A memory of by-gone days,
O Scotland's pride and glory.

I cannot tell just how I feel,
While wandering on my way,
But somehow I'm inclined to kneel,
And fervently the prayer,
That while we're here in bright abundance,
And mark the sparrows' fall,
May fondly cherish every one,
In lot and mansion hall.

They Do Say

That we will be going Maying pretty soon.

That this kind of weather makes the trees go.

That some sidewalks ought to be anchored.

That Saturday's parade will be the best yet.

That you'd better start planning your vacation now.

That it's about time to order your Easter bonnet.

That some men want to do better and others won't try.

That Inspector Brought his well to his new position.

That we will have to make ten light this year—sometimes, we mean.

That it looks as if the Locks & Co. will have to leave town.

That the new school suggests rather novel schemes to get a little money.

That two Lowell young women participated in a happy reunion in Boston, Sunday.

That Traffic Officer Whelan, who parted with his rubber coat and rubber boots.

That the capture of a trout when an 11-year-old boy caught a big surprise in the town.

That a master barber in New York who employs only dumb barbers, is said to be reaping a harvest.

That a certain local undertaker is looking for a man whom he says ought to have been interred Sunday.

That the woman who insists upon the train being out of sight before raising the gates is another nunny snatcher.

That the new "Cathodes" giving transfers to different points of the city will be as welcome as the flowers of spring.

That the patrons of the Moody street car line are wondering when the Street Railway Co. intends to improve the service.

That Justice Lewis, who presided over the superior court session in this city yesterday, is reported to be the strictest judge on the superior court bench.

COURT ORDERS BOYS

SPANKED BEFORE CROWD

PORTLAND, Me., March 12.—Instead of sentencing seven youthful thieves to the state school for boys yesterday as has been the custom in such cases, Judge Samuel L. Bates ordered the boys' parents to spank their sons publicly.

When the boys were arraigned for breaking into a dozen or more stores and stealing candy, gum and marbles, the judge told the parents that the most effective punishment would be an old-fashioned spanking.

Four fathers and two mothers took their offspring to the waiting room in the police station, and for five minutes the room echoed with the walls of the youthful offenders as straps, slaps and cuffs were applied vigorously to their little pants, while a large audience watched the operation.

LATE SPRING

MAINEBURY, March 12.—Unofficial weather observers here were interested in watching a large flock of wild geese flying south late yesterday after passing over the city in their customary spring flight to the north two days before.

It means a late spring and late crop," said one of the watchers. He produced dairies recording similar returns in other years, in each case followed by a backward spring.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CLERKS

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED LAST EVENING BY SPINDLE CITY LODGE

The regular monthly meeting of Spindle City lodge, 108, B.R.C., was held last evening and considerable business was transacted. The installation exercises were presided over by Deputy Grand President John S. Jackson, assisted by Deputy Grand Sergeant-at-Arms Rudolph Chapdelaine. The following officers were installed for the coming year: President, John H. Shea; vice president, John Burke;



JOHN H. SHEA President

secretary-treasurer, John J. Frawley; chaplain, Frederick Osgood; guard, David Flahaven. Eight candidates were given the degree of the order. The following were elected to serve on the grievance committee: John S. Jackson, chairman; Edward J. Flannery and John Shea. After the regular meeting, a social hour was enjoyed, the following talent contributing to the evening's entertainment: John Johnson, piano soloist; Edward E. Ryan, violin soloist; Eugene V. Dean, vocal soloist; Edward J. Flannery recited in his own inimitable manner the comic selection, "It's Fierce." Refreshments were served by Caterer Brown.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BATTALION

The annual Lowell high school girls' battalion ball will take place on Friday evening, April 20, in Associate hall. Plans are already in the making and one of the happiest events in years is anticipated.

Committees have been appointed as follows:

Programs, invitations and tickets—Chairman, Maj. Geyre, Frank; Adm. Theresa A. White, Captains Katherine Jones, Mary Kelley, Geneva Hannon and Dorothy Sawyer. Lieutenants, Garth, Gladys Fidd, Beatrice Brown and Helen Thibault.

Ball and music—Chairman, Major Charles Green; Adm. Edith Geddes, Captains Esther Bennett, Mildred Conner, Mabel Crompton and Ruth Deland. Lieutenants, Alice McMahon, Shirley, Gladys, Rita Doyle and Alice Gaudin.

Decorations—Chairman, Major Emily Gaudin; Adm. Verda A. Draper, Captains Ruth Johnson, Edith Sullivan, Theresa Donovan and Gertrude Fidd. Lieutenants, Anne Deane, Catharine Egan, Stella Payette and Helen Hannon.

Refreshments—Chairman, Maj. Elsie Logan; Adm. Margaret O'Neil, Captains Dorothy M. Adams, Velma Nichols, Nellie Judd and Ruth Turner. Lieutenants, Marie Keimura, Marie O'Connor, Marie Keimura and Violet Hands.

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(Toilet Talk)

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CRIMINAL SESSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

JUSTICE WILLIAM N. IRWIN ON BENCH—MANY CASES DISPOSED OF

The criminal session of the superior court opened in this city yesterday with Justice William N. Irwin on the bench. Rev. John Singleton, pastor of the Lawrence P. M. church, offered prayer and the judge addressed the jury.

Shortly after the opening of the court the jurors were excused until the afternoon session and several cases were disposed of. Charles G. Viaz, charged with violating motor vehicle laws, changed his plea to nolo and on payment of the costs of court, \$5, his case was placed on file.

Arthur B. Poirier, who was charged

with entering during the night the establishment of the Shoo Fix in Bridge street and stealing therefrom 11 pounds of leather, admitted his guilt and was ordered to pay a fine of \$200.

Francis T. O'Connor, charged with breaking and entering the store of Victor Pihl in Gorham street on Dec. 23 and the larceny of \$3 in cash, as well as entering the store again on Feb. 1, two checks and a pair of pistols, and stealing \$2 in cash, two pairs of gloves, and a pair of gloves pleaded guilty and after paying the costs of court, \$5, was placed in the care of the probation officer. Thomas Fitzpatrick, charged with entering the store of Victor Pihl on Dec. 23 and the larceny of \$3 in cash, as well as entering the store again on Feb. 1, two checks and a pair of pistols, and stealing \$2 in cash, two pairs of gloves, and a pair of gloves pleaded guilty and after paying the costs of court, \$5, was placed in the care of the probation officer.

James Gapanopoulos pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with non-support of his wife and he was ordered to pay \$5 a week for her support. Angelo "Dick" alias Sylvia Carlo was arraigned on two counts of assault and battery and was fined \$40.

Paul A. Bogossian, charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, admitted his guilt and was fined \$100. Chas. F. Felch for non-support of his minor children was ordered to pay \$3 a week toward their support. Alfred Perry admitted his guilt to a statutory offense and was fined \$75. Antoine Deserte for lewd and lascivious cohabitation was ordered to pay the expenses of the court, \$10 and his case was placed on file. Parastoros Demetropoulos admitted his guilt to a complaint charging him with maintaining a gaming place and he was fined \$50. Rose Morawski for being a lewd, wanton and lascivious person was fined \$25. James H. McGinnis pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with assault and battery and was ordered to pay a fine of \$10. John Maniatakos for threatening was fined \$20 and the court took occasion to inform him that if he can't learn the language of the country, he will have to learn and obey its laws.

Today's Fashion Hint



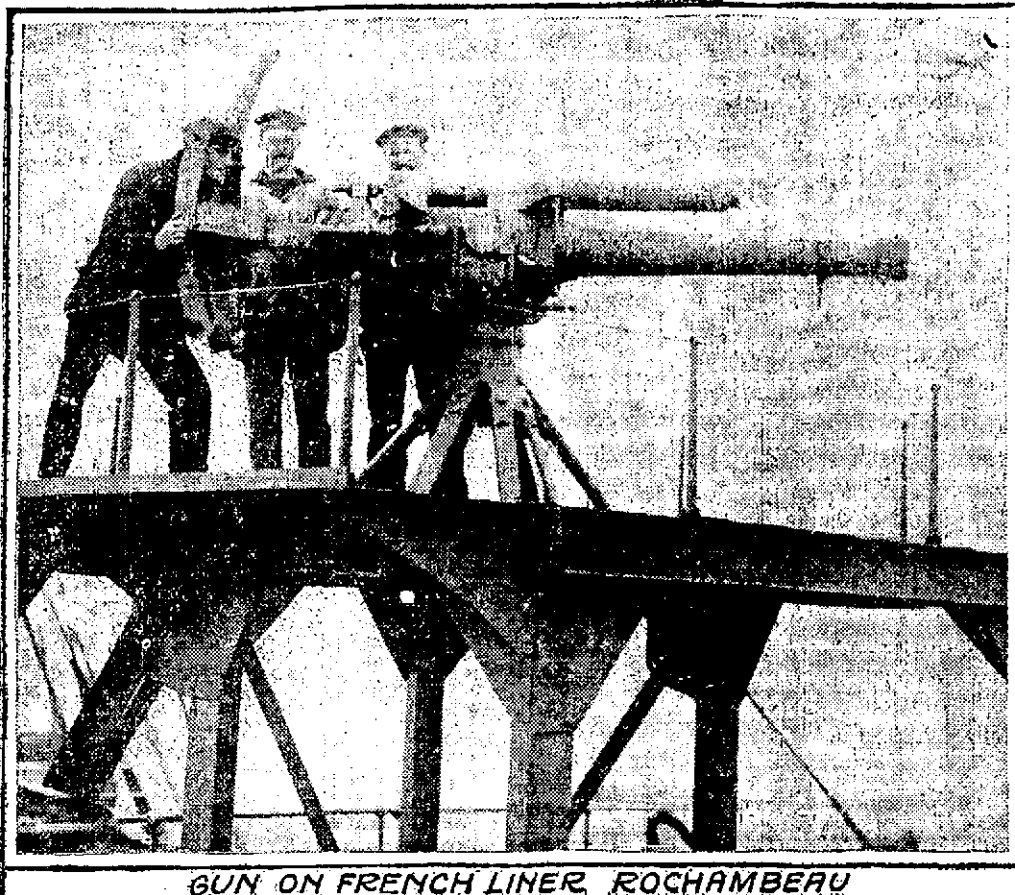
Old rose liser straw, faced with white, gives us the mushroom. Bell shaped flowers in grey silk are applied on to the crown in buttonhole stitch. The other model is black and white, rough straw and silk crown, with quaint straw roses as a band.

SERIOUSNESS OF THE SHIPPING SITUATION

BRITISH SHIPPERS DECLARE ALL MEASURES TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT ARE INSUFFICIENT

LIVERPOOL, March.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) The annual report of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' association, which includes practically all the important shipowners in England, emphasizes the seriousness of the shipping situation, and declares squarely that all the measures thus far taken by the government are insufficient. The report insists that state management of shipping has failed and must fail, and expresses the opinion that only the most radical curtailment of imports and a similar radical limitation of the amount of tonnage used for military purposes can save the

FORE AND AFT GUNS ON ROCHAMBEAU RAISE VEXED QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW



GUN ON FRENCH LINER ROCHAMBEAU

While federal officials in Washington declined in advance of the presentation of the case to the state department to indicate the attitude of the United States government toward the fore and aft armament of the French liner Rochambeau, the picture reproduced herewith shows the guns in position and the belief was general that the Rochambeau would be permitted to clear with both fore and aft guns aboard, provided assurances were given that the steamer was a peaceful merchant vessel and that the guns were to be used only for defensive purposes and not offensively.

The question will be before the state

department when it is presented by the treasury department, which transmits reports on armed merchantmen from port authorities. Port authorities are guided by a memorandum issued by the state department on Sept. 18, 1914, which states that evidence that the armament is solely for defense and will not be used offensively includes:

"That no guns are mounted on the forward part of the vessel.

"That the cargo of the vessel consists of articles of commerce unsuited for the use of a ship of war in operations against an enemy.

"That the vessel carries passengers who, as a whole, are unfitted to enter the military or naval service of the

belligerent whose flag the vessel flies or of any of its allies, and particularly if the passenger list includes women and children."

"A belligerent warship is any vessel which, under commission or orders of its government imposing penalties or entitling it to prize money, is armed for the purpose of seeking and capturing or destroying enemy property or hostile neutral property on the seas. The size of the vessel, strength of armament and its defensive or offensive force are immaterial."

The memorandum states that an armed merchantman may not wait until actually attacked before firing on an enemy war vessel.

ence it might well be reduced by 25 per cent and upwards, the nation would be faced with immediate shortage of essential supplies, privation and panic prices. Weighed against such perils, the saving of freights, even if cargoes were carried for nothing, is a negligible factor.

"To satisfy military demands since the outbreak of the war, about one-third of the British mercantile marine has been devoted to purely war purposes. One-third of the British mercantile marine has a carrying capacity in ocean trade, in the course of a year, of upwards of 55 million tons of imports and exports. It is manifest that if the remaining two-thirds had been utilized only in proportion to the one-third under military control, the nation must have starved long ago.

"It is no reflection on the officials of the state that they have been unable to build up an effective organization. Their task has been an impossible one. They have obtained and welcomed the advice and assistance of business men, but it is idle to imagine

that departmental management, either with or without such help, can ever exercise over hundreds of ships the kind of control which the shipping companies, with their highly trained and specialized staffs, must exercise over tens of hundreds of ships if the maximum of carrying power is to be obtained.

"Under average conditions a ship spends half her time in port loading and discharging, and thus there is on every voyage the risk of heavy delay. The avoidance of undue waste in these operations is at the root of the effective use of all ship carrying power. To secure this the energy and enterprise of the shipowners and their staffs at home and abroad are taxed to the utmost. There is only one British steamship company that has under its control more than 100 vessels, and among the big British lines the average number of vessels under a single management is about twenty. Among the 'tramps' there are few companies or firms having more than twelve vessels. With this form of management the shipowner is kept in the closest possible touch with each vessel on every voyage, and also with its requirements of the shippers and receivers of the cargo."

Touching on the subject of shipping under neutral flags, the report says: "The cardinal fact of the situation is that after six months of war demands, the total shipping available in the world is not sufficient to carry the cargoes demanding to be transported. It must be realized that we are in great measure dependent on the carrying power of vessels under foreign flags. Under present conditions, the employment of foreign vessels was a business convenience but with the war demands, it is now an absolute necessity. The following table shows the extent to which our imports of food and raw materials have been, and are now being carried by vessels under our own and other flags:

Peace conditions	British	Foreign	Ships	Total
months	12	12	100	100
1st six months of war	57	43	72	115
2nd six months of war	50	50	72	122
3rd six months of war	46	54	72	120
4th six months of war	40	60	72	112
5th six months of war	41	59	72	100

(The carrying power employed under peace conditions is taken as 100.)

"As the total shipping tonnage now available is insufficient to carry all that we are accustomed to import, the management we must have is that which will bring in the greatest volume of the supplies of which we are most in need. Under normal conditions the average food supplies of the nation amounted to more than 1,000,000 tons a year, while overseas supplies of raw material amounted to about 2,000,000 tons. To bring in these supplies, British and foreign vessels made upwards of 10,000 voyages in the year. Notwithstanding the disorganization due to the war, the carrying power is almost impossible to exaggerate, our supplies of all essentials and of many conveniences and even luxuries have been maintained. The whole reduction in our foreign trade as regards imports may be shown by the following tonnage figures for six months prior to the war as compared with the six current months. Total tonnage, six months, 1911, 2,500,000; total tonnage, six months ending January 31, 1917, 2,100,000."

Discussing the state's efforts to exercise some control over neutral shipping, the report says:

"The association views with grave concern the action of the state in regard to foreign shipping. Under normal conditions such shipping would be regarded as our competitor, but now it is essential to our existence as a nation that we should obtain the maximum of ocean carrying power under both the British and foreign flags. It must be recognized that while on the one hand, the enemy by his submarine campaign is doing his utmost to stop foreign ships carrying for the United Kingdom on the other hand, neutrals all over the world are in more or less direct need of foreign tonnage as they have been deprived in very great measure of the carrying power of the British ships upon which they relied in time of peace.

"It is inevitable that foreign tonnage will accept the most advantageous em-

ployment offered; therefore, to meet the additional war risks, the United Kingdom must be prepared to pay for their services above, and not below, the rates offered by neutrals. Any attempts to keep the freights that can be earned by foreign tonnage in the United Kingdom trade below the rates that are being offered in the international freight market plays directly into the enemy's hands by lessening our essential overseas supplies."

WHEELER IN CHARGE OF EMBASSY IN TOKIO

Post Wheeler, secretary of the American embassy in Tokio, is now in charge of American interests in Japan and will direct them until a new ambassador, appointed to succeed the late George W. Guthrie, takes charge. Mr.



Wheeler is well known as a literary man and is the husband of Hattie Branning Wheeler, novelist, but he has also won recognition as an explorer in Arctic regions and as a diplomat. He has served at Petrograd and Rome as well as in Tokio. Mr. Wheeler is in his 38th year.

TRYING TO SMUGGLE MONEY INTO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, March.—A total of more than 200,000 roubles in Russian paper money has been found in Russia four days by the Russian border police on persons who are trying to smuggle the money into Sweden. In one case 150,000 roubles were seized, in another 42,000. Russian regulations permit the travelers to carry only 500 roubles out of the country.

Smuggling into Sweden of Russian paper money is at present a highly profitable occupation when it succeeds. At present rates of exchange the smuggler can buy a check on a Petrograd bank at the rate of 95 crowns for 100 roubles to pay the person entrusting him with the notes. He can sell the notes themselves at the rate of 105 crowns for 100 roubles, giving him a profit of 10 crowns per 100 roubles. The smuggler with the 150,000 roubles could, for instance, have made a profit of 15,000 Swedish crowns if his attempt had succeeded.

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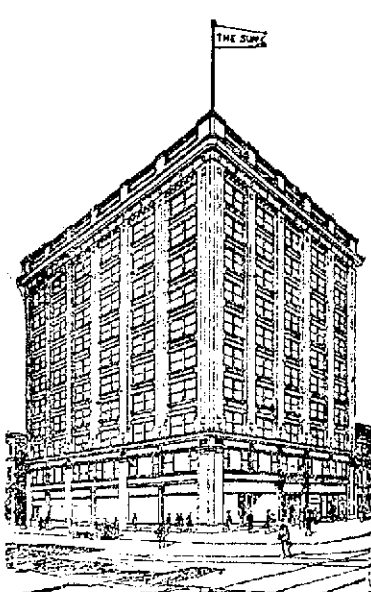
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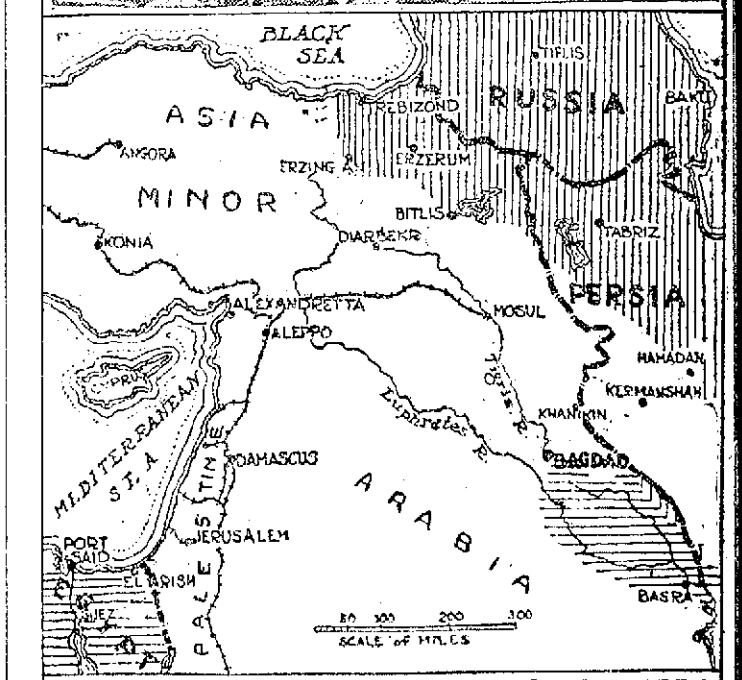
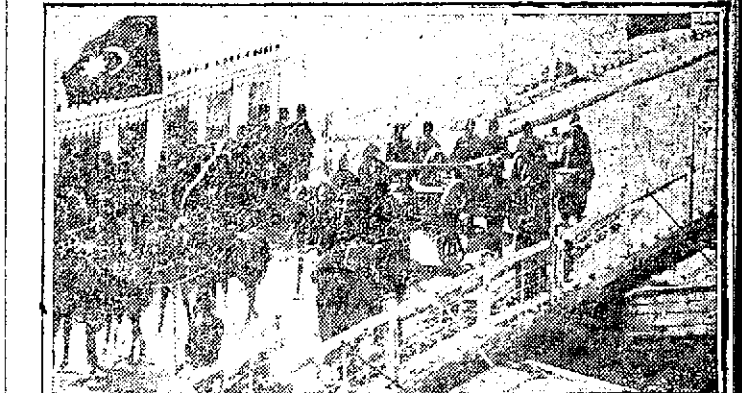
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The photograph reproduced herewith from which the three attacks now go shows a part of the bridge over the river Tigris at Bagdad, the ancient and historic city just captured by the British. The map shows not only the parts of the Turkish empire in Asia now occupied by invaders (see shaded parts of map), but also the direction

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LABOR REGISTRATION MUST CONTINUE IN LOWELL

HARRY THAW ADJUDGED LUNATIC BY COMMON PLEAS COURT

NEW BEDFORD LAWYER IN POLITICAL FIGHT CASE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

The municipal council met this morning after a week of inactivity and there was sufficient business to keep the members in session a full hour and a half.

An important communication was read from the office of the civil service commission in Boston, relative to the office of civil service labor in this city, for which no appropriation was made by this year's government. The letter stated that the registration of laborers under civil service law will be continued in Lowell and that the civil service commission will insist upon the registration and certification as

PRES. WILSON TO ACT TO PREVENT BIG STRIKE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The railroad brotherhoods on March 7 wrote to President Wilson, it became known today, formally notifying him of the conference with the railroad brotherhoods scheduled for March 15. In this letter the brotherhood leaders declared they were "hopeful" of making a satisfactory adjustment of questions pending with the railroads.

The brotherhood representatives also informed President Wilson that if while they were negotiating with the railroads, the nation became involved in war, they would co-operate to the fullest extent with the government.

Neither President Wilson nor Secretary Wilson of the department of labor had official information regarding the intention of the brotherhoods to strike unless a satisfactory arrangement was reached at the Thursday conference. An investigation was begun through governmental agencies, however.

It was stated that there was little of a definite character that the government could do to prevent the outcome of the meeting in New York Thursday. At the direction of President Wilson, Secretary Wilson of the department of labor will keep in close touch with that conference and should it fail the government then will consider further steps.

Government officials regarded it as inconceivable that there should be a nation-wide railroad strike at this time and while no plans have been mapped out, it was generally taken for granted that the president will use his utmost efforts to prevent such a strike.

The letter of the brotherhood representatives to President Wilson follows: "We feel obligated to officially advise you of our intention to meet again the national conference of the railroads on March 15 for the purpose of making another effort to adjust the pending eight-hour controversy.

"We are very hopeful of working out a satisfactory adjustment with the railroads but if, while we are negotiating, our country should become involved in war we want to assure you as chief executive of the nation, that we and the membership we represent can be relied upon to support you to the fullest extent and that yourself and the nation will have our hearty and full support."

NO COMPROMISE FROM RAILROADS

NEW YORK, March 12.—Even should the railroads be threatened by the four brotherhoods of trainmen with a nation-wide strike at the conference to be held here Thursday with the railroad managers, their stand will be, it was learned today, that there can be no compromise at this time on the question of the eight-hour working day. This position will be based on the contention, it was stated authoritatively, that the railroads entered into a stipulation with the status quo pending a decision by the supreme court on the Adamson law.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON TWO PLATOON PLAN

BOSTON, March 12.—The legislative committee on cities today voted to report favorably a bill which would permit cities and towns to do away with platoons on day and night shifts. This measure, subject to acceptance by individual cities and towns would require firemen to be on duty only 12 hours instead of 24 as at present.

EXPLOSIONS IN MINE 3 DEAD, 7 MISSING

CANONSBURG, Pa., March 12.—Three men are known to have been killed and seven others are missing as a result of two explosions at the mine of the Henderson Coal Co. at Hendersonville, five miles from here, early today. About twenty men were at work at the time, but seven were rescued shortly after the blast occurred and three others were removed later. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Officials of the company said that three men are known to have been killed and possibly three others lost their lives. Rescue teams from the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines and also from neighboring mines have entered the workings but have made little progress owing to the great amount of debris which blocks the passageways.

The mine was opened two years ago and normally employs 200 men.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Harry K. Thaw was today adjudged a lunatic by the common pleas court of this city and under the law cannot be taken to New York on requisition to stand trial on charges of assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., a high school student of Kansas City, Mo. Thaw will be kept in St. Mary's hospital here pending his removal to a Pennsylvania asylum.

The court's action was based on the report presented today by a lunacy commission which yesterday took the testimony of Thaw and his mother. In announcing the conclusion of the lunacy commission, James Gay Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Thaw, on whose behalf the lunacy proceedings were begun, made this statement:

"The inquisition which met yesterday and heard the case of Harry K. Thaw, adjudged him to be a lunatic and the finding was today filed in the court of common pleas.

"Judge Martin made the usual appropriate order touching his person and estate. Thaw is now in the custody of the sovereignty of the state of Pennsylvania, represented by its court of chancery and under the control and protection of the court and laws of the commonwealth. This necessarily settles the question of his extradition and rings down the curtain on that proceeding. Mrs. Thaw and her family all desire, if possible, that the matter may be dropped from public exploitation. Thaw is now safe from harm to himself or others, and the court will hold control and guard him. Anything with respect to him hereafter can only be done with the sanction of the court."

Judge Martin appointed J. Denniston Lyon, a Pittsburgh banker, and Dr. Walter Riddle, the Thaw family physician in Pittsburgh, as a committee to take charge of Thaw's estate. They will enter \$500,000 as security. Thaw's present income, according to his counsel, is between \$75,000 and \$80,000 on two trust funds left by his father, William Thaw.

No appeal from the court's decision today can be carried to the supreme court, according to Thaw's attorney.

Judge Martin appointed Thaw's mother custodian of his person.

It was learned today that Mrs. Carnegie, Thaw's sister, and Josiah Thaw, his brother, both were among the witnesses who testified in the lunacy proceedings.

Physicians testified that Thaw was suffering from dementia and would get

TO IMPROVE CONDITION OF HALE'S BROOK

Special to The Sun

BOSTON, March 12.—Several Lowell citizens appeared before the public health committee this morning in connection with a bill appropriating \$1000 for a survey of Hale's brook. In order that plans may be prepared for improving its sanitary conditions.

Former Mayor James B. Casey said the work contemplated is simply a continuation of what the state department of health did last year, and which it was unable to complete, because of lack of funds. Philip Harpley, president of the Ward Four Improvement association, said the dam of the Wamsit Power Co., which sometimes holds the water back two or three weeks at a time. This creates stagnant water and conditions are made worse by the fact that people throw dead cats, dogs, etc., into the water. He said two of his boys contracted blood poisoning from swimming in the water.

Mr. Butler of the Lowell Waste Co., in opposition, said he is in favor of having the brook cleaned up, but the work should be done by the local authorities, rather than by the state. He said little contamination goes into the brook from his plant. "As a matter of fact, we take out more than we put in, for a great many dead cats, dogs and hens accumulate at the dam, and we take them out and bury them," he said.

W. H. Bolger, secretary of the board of trade, said the meadows beside the brook are breeding places for mosquitoes and something should be done to clean them up.

Butler Innes for the Wamsit Power Co., the L. S. Cartledge Co. and the L. S. Bunting Co., said his clients would have no objection to the investigation if it were confined to that part of the brook above the point where the waters of the Concord river are emptied into the brook.

The matter was taken under consideration, with the understanding that Representatives Achin, Corbett, Murphy and Stowey and Chief Engineer Goodnow of the state department of health, will be heard later in favor of the project.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR BRITISH ON TIGRIS

LONDON, March 12, 5:30 p.m.—British cavalry from Bagdad has occupied Kazimain, on the Tigris river, five miles above Bagdad. It was officially announced today. The occupation took place on March 11.

Considerable booty was taken in Bagdad. Five hundred wounded left in the city were made prisoner by the British.

Since Feb. 23, said the official report, the Turks had been destroying and removing everything valuable in Bagdad.

WIFE OF CAPTAIN TELLS OF SINKING OF SHIP

LONDON, March 12.—Details of the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Valmaria of 1773 tons gross, by a German submarine on Feb. 11 are given by the wife of the captain of the steamer who was accompanying her husband for the first time, they being their honeymoon trip. She says: "The ship sank at 6:45 o'clock in the morning, 15 minutes after the first shot was fired. We were helped into two small boats and abandoned in mid-Atlantic. After three days of unspeakable hardships, during which one sailor died of exposure and three others were frostbitten, the boats were picked up by the Danish schooner Ellen Benson."

"The lieutenant in command of the submarine expressed regret that he was obliged to sink the ship 50 miles from the nearest land. Precisely why he was so obliged was not apparent in view of the circumstances. His action necessitated a woman being left to the indignity of living in an open boat for several days in the crowded company of men, drenched by seas which continuously broke over the boat and exposed to bitter cold."

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

PARIS, March 12.—Several attacks were made by the Germans last night and all were repulsed, the war office announced today. A strong German detachment which attempted to advance on the Courcy road was checked. Another futile attempt was made near Beaule-Clivry. Two German attacks on Hill 185 and on Louvennot work on the Verdun front, were countered easily. The French took 150 prisoners yesterday. During the night the Germans bombarded Soissons. The French successfully repulsed German trenches between the Aves and the Aisne,

worse as time went on.

The commission heard testimony reviewing his life from the time he was 21 until his recent attempt at suicide.

APPLIES FOR EXTRADITION

NEW YORK, March 12.—The decision of the common pleas court of Philadelphia, declaring Harry K. Thaw insane, which it is believed there will be a further attempt to bring him to this city for trial on charges of assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., will not deter District Attorney Swann. It was learned here today from making application to Gov. Baumbach for Thaw's extradition. This step will be taken, it was said, just as soon as the district attorney's office has been informed officially of the lunacy decision.

The impression that Thaw cannot be brought to New York for trial does not agree with two decisions of the United States supreme court, according to Assistant District Attorney Black. The Porter Charlton case was one instance, Mr. Black said, and the other that of Drew vs. Thaw in New Hampshire, when under a supreme court ruling, Thaw was extradited from that state under conditions similar to the present one.

JAIL FOR ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE SUBWAY

MAN SENTENCED TO SING SING ON WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN HIS WEDDING DAY

NEW YORK, March 12.—A sentence on what was to have been his wedding day, of from 10 to 20 years in Sing Sing prison was the fate of Michael J. Merilly today for his participation in the attempt to destroy an uptown subway station with dynamite during the transit strike here last October.

PRIZE COMMANDER SENT MESSAGES TO SHIPS

LIEUT. BERG, OF APPAM, DESPATCHED RADIO MESSAGE TO GERMAN VESSELS

NORFOLK, Va., March 12.—Discovery of a secret wireless outfit on the prize steamer Appam here has been followed by evidence that Lieut. Berg, the German prize commander, as late as Dec. 8th had sent radio messages to a German ship. There was evidence that Berg had some knowledge of the British code and it is believed that he got information of value through to Germany. The messages sent Dec. 8th concerned consideration of the German situation by President Wilson and in congress.

DRAFT OF NEW PLAN TO ORGANIZE B. & M.

MELLEN AT MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF MINORITY STOCKHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION

BOSTON, March 12.—The executive committee of the Boston & Maine Minority Stockholders' Protective association met here today to complete a final draft of a new plan for the reorganization of the road. Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, and Boston & Maine railroads, who was present by invitation, declared he was in no way connected with the minority reorganization plan or any other. Before the conference began he declined to express any opinion regarding various reorganization schemes suggested. Conrad W. Crocker, counsel for the association, said he expected to make the new plan within a week or ten days. It would provide, he said, for a readjustment of the fixed rental charge of the road and a fair reconstitution of all interests. The association is composed, he said, of the assessment of \$40 on each share of common stock and a compromise of the Hampden railroad's \$4,000,000 claim. Features said to be included in the reorganization plan of the directors.

BRIEF SESSION OF SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The senate was in session six minutes today and adjourned until tomorrow when it expected the foreign relations committee may be ready to recommend some action on the Colombian treaty.

NEW BEDFORD, Mar. 12.—Former City Solicitor Henry E. Woodward was attacked and seriously wounded in his law office late last night. The police responding early today to a telephone call from the lawyer found him stretched on the floor of his office with his head in a pool of blood. He was able only to say that he had been assaulted by someone whom he did not recognize before he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Woodward was to have appeared in court today in a continuation of litigation involving Mayor Charles S. Ashley, former Mayor Edward R. Hathaway and William T. Caswell, the license commissioner who recently was removed by Ashley. A political fight of much bitterness brought the parties into court when Caswell filed a petition for reinstatement alleging that his removal was illegal. Hathaway who appointed Caswell, intervened asking the court for a writ of prohibition against the hearing sought by Caswell. Subsequently Hathaway's request for the writ was withdrawn and the hearing on Caswell's petition was set for today. Woodward represented Caswell and also was counsel for former Mayor Hathaway who had instituted an action against Mayor Ashley looking to the removal of the mayor under the corrupt practices act.

At last midnight Woodward telephoned to police headquarters saying that he had been assaulted and asking for help. Two officers and an ambulance were sent to the lawyer's office. Dr. W. K. Turner also was summoned. When the party arrived at Woodward's office they found he had fallen near the telephone stand. An examination revealed several wounds on the back of the lawyer's head and concussion of the brain. Dr. Turner said the wounds were serious but how serious it would not be known for 24 hours. On the office floor were the pieces of a tobacco jar that had been broken apparently in the assault. A window of the office leading on to a roof was open. Woodward was conscious only after the police arrived and all they could learn from him was that he did not know who had attacked him.

Woodward was wearing an overcoat when attacked and the police theory is that appearing unexpectedly at his office about midnight he had surprised a thief who was engaged in ransacking the lawyer's papers.

HEARING POSTPONED

BOSTON, March 12.—The hearing on the appeal of William T. Caswell from an order of Mayor Charles S. Ashley removing him as a member of the board of license commissioners, which was set for today was postponed until Monday. Caswell informed the court that his counsel, Henry E. Woodward, was unable to appear because of injuries received in being assaulted last night, but he was ordered to obtain new counsel and be ready for a hearing on Monday. The court suggested that Caswell refrain from taking part in the deliberations of the board pending a decision on his appeal.

WORK SOON TO START ON \$350,000 BUILDINGS

Plans for the erection of the new plant of the Costikyan Carpet Co. in this city have been completed and unless something unforeseen happens the company will start work on the erection of two large buildings in Middlesex street at the city line as soon as the ground is out of the ground. The buildings will be of brick, 200 by 100 and 200 by 50 feet respectively and with the equipment will cost approximately \$350,000. It is expected the company will employ several hundred men and women in the manufacture of Oriental rugs and carpets.

The company was recently incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts with a capital of \$700,000. M. N. Costikyan of New York is president, while Harold E. Wadely of Billerica, former agent of the Bigelow Carpet Co. in this city is vice president and general manager.

\$3,530,000 TO IMPROVE MERRIMACK RIVER

Special to The Sun

BOSTON, March 12.—The committee on harbors and public lands has voted unanimously in favor of the bill appropriating \$3,530,000 for improving the Merrimack river, from Hunt's falls at Lowell to the sea, provided the national government makes a similar appropriation. The bill was reported in the house this afternoon and was referred to the ways and means committee.

HOYT.

LOCAL MILITIA WILL JOIN THE PARADE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE IS RECEIVING ALL KINDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The local militia companies are going to participate in the big parade on Saturday and plans for the celebration of St. Patrick's day are going merrily along. Chief Marshal Meehan and Chief of Staff Robert J. Crowley interviewed the officers of the local militia companies with the result that they agreed to join in the parade. The appearance of the militia will be a splendid feature and one that will be welcomed by all.

Chief Marshal Meehan stated today that reports of a most encouraging nature are coming in from all sides. Last night a brief meeting of the committee was held and several communications were received from out-of-town organizations conveying the assurance that they will be here in full strength. Special trains have been engaged in some instances and from present indications it seems absolutely safe to predict that the parade will be a top-notch.

It was also stated at the meeting last evening that two local Polish militia companies have signified their intention to parade and will be headed by a band, and also that the Holy Name society of St. Michael's parish has voted not only to parade, but to have every member in line, headed by a band.

The committee on transportation reported that conferences had been held with the railroad officials and every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of the day. The committee on entertainment and the various other sub-committees submitted reports indicating that everything has been carefully looked after.

Route of Parade

The headquarters of the chief marshal, it was stated today, will be at Broadway and Willie street and the parade will move from Broadway to Suffolk, to Merrimack, to Central, to Goffman, to Davis street, down Central to Church, to Andover, to High, to East Merrimack, to Merrimack, where, at the corner of John street, the parade will be reviewed by the chief marshal and his staff. The parade will start promptly at 2:30 o'clock and will be announced by a stroke of the fire bells.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" columns.

THE LATE TORNADO
The month of March always brings disagreeable wind and it is especially so when it blows from the wrong direction. A certain firm advertises the installation of a sterilizer, recently, and claimed it to be the first sanitary one in Lowell. We do not believe in blowing, not even in the month of March, but when our sanitary conditions are at stake among the few who might happen to be on the path of this late tornado, we will simply mention that we have been equipped with the most up-to-date sterilizers known to the profession ever since we opened our new store for business. Therefore we do not follow, as our breezy competitor claims, and remember that we never claim that they are following us, because we are going too fast for them.
MR. and MRS. F. N. LABELLE
Optometrists and Mfg. Opticians
128 Merrimack Street

If You Need Glasses, Have Your Eyes Properly Fitted by
J. A. McEVOY, Optician
232 MERRIMACK STREET, LOWELL, MASS.

TELEPHONE CO.'S GROWTH WIRELESS SPANS CONTINENT

As last year was the banner year in the telephone service, the annual report of the American Telephone & Telegraph company for the year ending December 31, 1916, is of special interest. It shows that the Bell System had the heaviest gain in traffic ever reported in a single year, with a daily average of 23,120,000 connections. This was approximately at the rate of 100 calls per year for every man, woman and child in the United States. The increase in subscribers' stations exceeded the estimated increase by 45 per cent. The pressure of business is still so great that plans are under way to spend \$20,000,000 this year (as against \$26,000,000 actually spent in 1916) to provide for advance construction and additions to plant which are urgently required. This is by far the most ambitious program ever attempted by the company, but necessary funds have been provided through the new financing arranged some months ago.

Advance Construction
President Vail points out that the

GIRLS! WOMEN! TAKE CASCARETS IF CONSTIPATED

They live your liver and bowels
and clear your
complexion.

Don't stay headachy, bilious
with breath bad and
stomach sour.

Get a 10-cent box now.
Tonight sure! Take Cascarets and
enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and
bowel cleansing you ever experienced.
Cascarets will live your liver and
clean your thirty feet of bowels
without griping. You will wake up
feeling grand. Your head will be
clear, breath right, tongue clean,
stomach sweet, eyes bright, sleep
elastic and complexion rosy—they're
wonderful. Get a 10-cent box now
at any drug store. Mothers can
safely give a whole Cascaret to chil-
dren any time when cross, feverish,
bilious, tongue coated or constipated
—they are harmless.

Lowell, Tuesday, March 13, 1917

A. G. POLLARD CO.

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

Our Rug and Drapery Section is ever on the lookout for
Special Values in all sorts of household furnishings. Consider-
able money savings in the following:

A Sale of Stair Carpeting

1000 YARDS

In new patterns and colorings, at special low prices, direct
from one of the largest carpet mills. We place same on sale
as follows:

27-in. DOUBLE FACE RUSSELETTE, Yard.....	49c
27-in. PRINTED TAPESTRY, Yard.....	69c
27-in. VELVET, Yard.....	98c

You will save one-third on all these carpetings.

Novelty Nets For Curtains

One of the most complete assortments shown in New
England. Now at special low prices, having been purchased
as close-outs. We shall be unable to duplicate these at such
low prices. Filet Nets, Leaver Lace, Points and Brussel Net—
white, ivory, beige—30-in. paneling to 54-in. wide nets for all
kinds of vestibule work, short or long glass curtains.

25c to \$1.50 a Yard

IMPORTED HAND MADE FRENCH LACET CURTAINS
\$3.98 to \$15.00 a Pair

VACUUM CLEANER AND SWEEPER

A hand machine; will absolutely remove the dirt and dust
from your rugs and carpets, thus ensuring a longer wear. All
grit is removed by the suction of the vacuum without raising any
dust whatsoever in the room.

THE SWEEPER VAC.....\$6.50, \$8.50, \$9.50

We can recommend these as being as good as the electric
cleaner. Just the thing for your spring house-cleaning.

THE BRUSH VAC—Combination Sweeper and Vacuum—Special
for this week.....\$2.98

NOW IS THE TIME FOR DOOR MATS

Cocoa Brush Mats.....	49c to \$1.50 Each
Ragber Diamond Cell Mats.....	79c and \$2.00
Flexible Steel Mats.....	98c, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Steel Wear-proof Felt Composition.....	\$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00

This is considered the very best steel mat ever made and
will wear a life-time.

EAST SECTION

SECOND FLOOR



That appetite-creating
aroma—

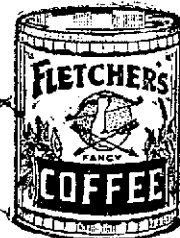
—that's the great thing about

Fletcher's Coffee

Aren't you missing
something?

You try Fletcher's
tomorrow.

Your grocer sells FLETCHER'S
35c the pound in tins or bags.



E. L. Fletcher Co., Boston

the Mexican border. Full pay was
granted for the first three months and
thereafter full pay less the amount re-
ceived for military service.

Communication Between Cities

The facilities of the company have
been so largely improved as to vir-
tually place the cities of the United
States of over 50,000 inhabitants with-
in speaking communication of each
other and within the reach of extra
long distance service. In referring to
the company's experiments in wireless
telephony, President Vail gives an
interesting description of a mobiliza-
tion of communication forces con-
ducted by the staff of the company at the
request of the secretary of the navy
and in co-operation with naval officers
under the command of Admiral Benson,
chief of naval operations. For three
days, during which war condi-
tions were simulated as far as possi-
ble, the navy abandoned all other
forms of communication between the
navy department at Washington and
the navy yards and naval stations in
the continental United States.

During this period it utilized the
Bell system for telephone and tele-
graph communication by wire with all
of the naval forces in that territory.
During this mobilization, the naval of-
ficers and telephone officials assigned
to the work were on duty night and
day and were able at all times to ob-
tain instantaneous telephone or tele-
graph communication with any point
involved. The secretary of the navy
conferred with several of the principal
naval stations and the admiral in
command talked with the command-
ing officer at all of the naval stations
on the Pacific coast from Bremerton,
Washington, to San Diego, California,
and to the navy yards and naval sta-
tions on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts
and on the Great Lakes.

Wireless From Coast to Coast

An interesting test of wireless tele-
phony was also made. The transmis-
sion was by wire to the wireless sta-
tions where it was automatically
transferred to wireless apparatus. The
report gives this very interesting episo-
de.

The secretary of the navy seated at
his desk in the department in Wash-
ington talked with Captain Chandler
on board the battleship New Hamp-
shire at Hampton Roads.

Under orders given to him by the
secretary of the navy, and Admiral
Benson, the captain of the New Hamp-
shire proceeded out to sea as far as
the Southern drill grounds and return-
ed, reporting his position by telephone
every hour to the department at Wash-
ington.

The atmospheric electrical condi-
tions being very favorable, the talk-
ing distance was so long that it was
distinct that Captain Chandler, in com-
mand at the Mare Island navy yard on

the Pacific, conversed with Captain
Chandler on the New Hampshire,
which was at that time in a storm on
the Atlantic.

The company's engineers have de-
voted much study to the conditions
created by the further adoption of
electric traction by railroads and the
continued extension of electric power
lines. In this work the company's ex-
perts co-operated with the California
railroad commission and other federal
and state bodies in the effort to for-
mulate proper rules governing the op-
eration of such wires.

Allowing for the taxes paid by the
system and by the holders of its out-
standing securities the net annual cost
to the public for the use of the prop-
erty of the Bell System is about the
same percentage on a fair valuation
of that property, as would be the in-
terest return on high-grade railroad or
industrial bonds. This return is far
less than the legal interest rate of any
state.

Earnings and Stockholders

The total operating revenues of the
entire Bell System last year were
\$261,600,000. This was an increase of
\$20,151,000, or nearly 10 per cent over
last year. Of these revenues, depreciation
and maintenance consumed \$34,-
500,000, an increase of 11.5 per cent
over 1915; traffic expenses consumed
\$32,749,000, an increase of 17.4 per
cent; commercial expenses \$25,529,000,
an increase of 9 per cent; general and
miscellaneous expenses \$17,502,000,
an increase of 7.1 per cent; taxes assign-
able to operations \$14,916,000, an in-
crease of 14.7 per cent.

The total gross income was \$79,552,-
000, an increase of 14.1 per cent over
1915. Of this amount \$22,114,000 was
paid for interest, rents and so forth,
leaving \$57,438,000 for dividends and
over \$22,000,000 to be added to surplus.

The report also gives the results of
the American Telephone and Telegraph
company separated from the rest of
the Bell System. Its net earnings for
the year were \$44,743,376.45. Compared
with the year before this showed an
increase of \$2,655,881.75. The com-
pany's balance sheet shows that the
investment in stocks, bonds and notes
of associated companies increased \$21,-
845,820.66 and in permanent plant
\$5,041,396.54. The increase in current
assets of \$27,185,124.56 and in cash of
\$33,367,105.32 reflected the financing
of December 1915. The company has
over 70,000 stockholders, not counting
43,000 employees who are buying shares
on an installment plan. A majority of
the company's shareholders are wom-
en. Less than 2 per cent of the stock
is held abroad, and less than 1 per
cent is in the hands of brokers.

In the number of shareholders, there being more than
\$2,000 holders of less than 100 shares
each.

RELIEVES SERIOUS CASE OF CHRONIC CONSTIPATION

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin
Corrects Condition That
Seemed Hopeless.

After suffering from chronic con-
stipation until she was so run down
she was unable to do any kind of
work, Miss H. A. Frees, 209 Adams
St., Dayton, Ohio, obtained a bottle
of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and
used it with such gratifying results
that she continued the treatment and
has written to Dr. Caldwell that her
condition is again normal, and that
she wants to recommend Syrup Pepsin
to everyone who suffers with
constipation.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a
combination of simple laxative herbs
with pepsin, gentle in its action, and
free from griping or other pain or
discomfort. It contains no opiate or
narcotic drug, and, while acting
readily on the most stubborn case
of inactive bowels, is absolutely safe
for the infant babe, so that it is
the ideal family laxative and should
be kept on hand in every household
for use when needed.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin costs
only fifty cents a bottle and is sold



In drug stores everywhere. To avoid
imitations and ineffective substitutes
be sure you get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup
Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr.
Caldwell's signature and his portrait
appear on the yellow carton in which
the bottle is packed. A trial bottle
free of charge can be obtained by
writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455
Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

THOUSANDS STOLEN AT SO. STATION, BOSTON

\$100,000 IN JEWELRY AND GEMS
TAKEN IN TWO MONTHS—SYS-
TEM OF "CHECK SWAPPING"

BOSTON, March 12.—Thousands of
dollars' worth of jewelry and precious
stones have been stolen from the bag-
gage room of the South station within
the past two months. It was revealed
last night, when investigators working
on the case reluctantly admitted that
the latest theft was that of a trunk
containing \$50,000 worth of samples,
which the robbers got away with Sun-
day night.

Morris Lewis, a representative of
David Ullman & Co., 80 Maiden lane,
New York, admitted to a reporter at
the Parker House last night that he
was the victim of the \$50,000 robbery.

The method of the thieves has been
as simple as it was clever. Somewhere
between New York and Boston they
have merely changed the checks on
trunks in the baggage car. Then when
the rightful owner of a trunkful of
valuable samples presented his bag-
gage check at the South station, he
would receive only a carefully prepared
dummy trunk, the thieves having in
the meantime claimed the real sample
case immediately after the arrival of
the train.

Harry Murray, assistant superintend-
ent of the Pinkerton agency, told a
reporter last night that these robber-
ies had been going on for about two
months. He estimated the value of
the loot secured by the baggage thieves
at \$100,000. Another authority stated
that at least \$125,000 worth has been
stolen.

Superintendent Daniel T. Green of
the Pinkerton agency is now in Maine,
and it is understood that he has traced
some of the loot to Bangor and Lew-
iston. Another clue has led to Provi-
dence. Among the suspects is a Bos-
ton taxicab driver.

Mr. Lewis, who is a member of the
firm of David Ullman & Company, the
latest robbery victim, was at the Par-
ker House awaiting word of develop-
ments from the police and the Pinker-
ton men.

"This thing is so big that I don't be-
lieve they can get away with it," he
told a reporter. "Further than that, I
must decline to talk."

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON JAPAN

DR. BARCOCK SHOWS BEAUTIFUL
PICTURES TAKEN IN NATURE'S
DREAMLAND

Delightful glimpses of Japan, its
glorious traditions and its religion,
which have been tenaciously adhered
to down through centuries, were
shown at the Middlesex Women's Club
yesterday afternoon in an illustrated
lecture given by Clinton Le Roy Bar-
cock, Ph. D., president of the Univer-
sity Travel bureau.

Dr. Barcock's lecture subject was
"Japan, the Land of the Picturesque,"
and indeed it is a country of wondrous
beauty and incomprehensible customs.
But with all its seeming impossible
beliefs, Japan is highly civilized and
modern. The Japanese student knows
much more of the history of our coun-
try than we know of Japan.

Beautiful bits of countryside, famous
shrines and temples, including the
celebrated Nikko Groves and lanes of
cryptomeria trees, which rival in size
the huge Redwood trees of California;
Japanese homes and their surrounding
gardens and other entrancing spots
were among the pictures shown by Dr.
Barcock during his intensely interest-
ing lecture.

The lecturer also told many amusing
little incidents and interesting facts as
the pictures brought them to mind.
For instance—for a person to read a
newspaper or the simpler forms of
literature with any degree of under-
standing, he must know 5000 letter
characters. If a Japanese schoolboy
or schoolgirl were asked to write the
names of the world's twelve greatest
generals, the names of Washington
and Grant would be in the list, show-
ing how well they have progressed in
their study of America.

The pictures showing the interior of
a Japanese home were particularly in-
teresting, especially those showing the
customs which are rigidly carried out
in the serving of afternoon tea. The
structure of a Japanese house was
clearly shown, how the people have
solved the earthquake problem by
building their houses to rest on posts
rather than on solid foundations. The
theory is that, if an earthquake comes
—and they are most common in Japan
—the house may simply be rocked off
the stubby posts and deposited on the
ground intact, whereas, if the founda-
tions were of masonry the entire
building might well be crumpled.

THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE ON PINE CULTURE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—A com-
paratively little known but valuable
tree most often called slash pine is fast
replacing longleaf pine in many sec-
tions of the south, says the forest ser-
vice. In some respects this tree is con-
sidered a better tree than longleaf. Its
growth, according to the foresters, is
more rapid and its yield of turpentine
larger, while the wood is said to be
the heaviest, hardest and strongest
coniferous wood grown in the country.

The term "slash pine" is ex-
plained, is popularly applied to several
southern pines, notably the loblolly,
with which the true slash pine is often
confused because of its close resem-
blance. The slash pine is also some-
times called "cubana," "swamp" or
"she pine."

The chief causes for the rapid
spread of the tree are its frequent and
abundant seed production, very rapid
growth, ability to endure the shade of
other trees and its capacity to adapt
itself to a wide range of environment.
The fact that it can withstand the
combination of forest fires and tur-
pentine has been a factor in its im-
portance to the foresters who say that
the tree is destined to play an impor-
tant part in the future of the cut-over
lands of the south. As an example of
the high money returns obtained by
turpentine, the tree it is stated that
in one instance in South Carolina a 20-
acre stand of slash pine, about 20
years of age, each tree of which had
had one cup. The turpentine operator
paid the owner 10 cents a cup, or a total
of \$62 per acre, for the privilege of
tapping the trees.

After a rest of from three to five

PIANOS

That Stand

There are any number of Pianos that look well and sound
fairly well—AT THE START. You can buy cheap Pianos that
do that, but a piano should be made to last a lifetime.
If it only "stays good" a few months it is dear at any price.

THE PIANOS WE SELL

are the kind that "STAND." They are safe Pianos to buy.
They stand the wear and tear of every day usage, and will last
and give satisfaction. Besides their known GOODNESS you have
our guarantee—exchange if not satisfactory.

TERMS AS LOW AS \$5.00 MONTHLY.

We Carry a Full Line of Player-Pianos

Ring's

Largest, Most Reliable Piano
House,
110-112 MERRIMACK STREET.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED FOR
IN LOWELL AND NEIGHBORING
TOWNS

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 12.—
The official list of candidates for the
constitutional convention to be voted
for in the city of Lowell and in the
neighboring towns, in the order of
their appearance on the ballot, is as
follows:

5th Congressional District

(Four to be elected, no primary.)
Chester W. Clark, Wilmington.
John W. Daly, Lowell.
Edward Fisher, Westford.
Hamlet S. Greenwood, Lowell.
James Wilson Grimes, Reading.
H. Harding Hale, Hudson.
William Odlin, Andover.

11th Middlesex Rep. District

(One to be elected, no primary.)
Edward J. Robbins, Chelmsford.

14th Middlesex Rep. District (Lowell)

(Four to be nominated at primary,
two to be elected.)

Charles E. Anderson, 7 Bowden st.
Peter Daly, 305 Broadway.
John P. Farley, 118 Sixth st.
John F. Gookin, 141 Hanks st.
J. Joseph Hennessey, 237 NeSmith st.
Patrick F. Nestor, 348 Stackpole st.
Fisher H. Pearson, 20 Wentworth st.
John J. Quenan, 20 Broadway.
Hugh Walker, 14 Hanks st.

15th Middlesex Rep. District (Lowell)

(Six to be nominated at primary,
three to be elected.)

Smith J. Adams, 11 Gilbride terrace.
William J. Carroll, 83 B st.
Henry V. Charbonneau, 330 Moody st.
Osam P. Dowel, 108 Middlesex st.
David Dickson, 142 Smith st.
Abraham S. Goldman, 255 Branch st.
Charles T. Kilpatrick, 27 Maryland
av.

16th Middlesex Rep. District (Lowell)

(Two to be nominated at primary,
one to be elected.)

William J. McCluskey, 10 Union st.
John J. O'Connell, 61 Newhall st.
Frank P. White, 94 Central st.

17th Middlesex Rep. District

(Two to be nominated at primary,
one to be elected.)

Maurice A. Buck, Billerica.
Warren W. Fox, Braintree.
John W. Hadaway, Wilmington.
Charles H. Williams, Billerica.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both
news stands of the Union station in
Boston. Don't forget this when taking
your train for Lowell.

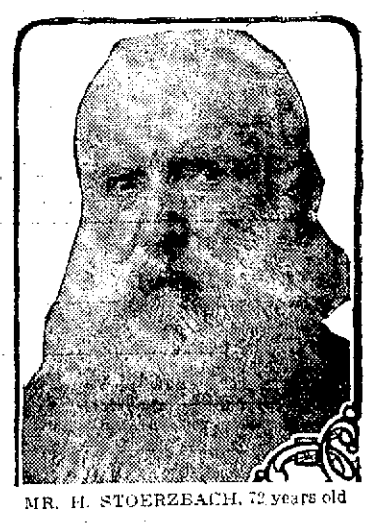
This Fine Old Gentleman Calls Duffy's "The Elixir of Life"

At 72, this old gentleman has
kept well and strong by Duffy's
Pure Malt Whiskey. He's a pic-
ture of health, and his words of
praise indicate the value of Duffy's
as a tonic stimulant.

"I am seventy-two years old and
in perfect health. When I was
forty-seven the doctors thought I
would die of consumption. I
foolled them all—I started to take
Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey and
soon grew strong and vigorous. I
am able to do hard work every
day and can climb six flights of
stairs without fatigue.

"My opinion there is nothing
in the world so good to put my
vigor and vitality into any run-
down person as Duffy's Pure
Malt Whiskey. I call it
"The Elixir of Life."—Mr. H.
Stoerzbach, 138 East 76th Street,
N. Y. City.

Numerous people who have
reached a grand old age, and who
still show a wonderful ability, have
used Duffy's through the long
years of their active careers. These
people acknowledge that



MR. H. STOEERZBACH, 72 years old

Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey

is largely responsible for their possessing the vigor and force of their years,
giving them a reputation for health and longevity. A tablespoonful of Duffy's
in equal amounts of water or milk as directed, assists the stomach in its
important duties of regulating digestion and assimilation. It is a well known
fact that a stomach in good condition is the foundation of sound health.

"Get Duffy's and Keep Well."
Sold in Sealed Bottles Only. Beware of imitations.

NOTE Get Duffy's from your local druggist,
grocer or dealer, \$1.00 per bottle. If he
cannot supply you, write us. Send for useful
household booklet free.

The Duffy Malt Whiskey Co., Rochester, N. Y.



A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

Quarter of a century ago an attempt was made to annex the city of Cambridge to Boston, but after several lively hearings the project fell through and Cambridge is still a city in its own right and the county seat of Middlesex county. Lowell was much interested in the plan because in the event of Cambridge becoming a part of Boston, Lowell would become the county seat and principal city of the county. The old Sun had the following mention of the matter:

"A hearing was held at the state house, Wednesday on the proposed annexation of Cambridge to Boston. Many Lowell gentlemen, including Secretary Smith of the board of trade, Col. James V. Bennett, Hon. John J. Donovan, J. L. Chaffoux and Representative Bartlett, were present to favor annexation, but there was a formidable array of remonstrants."

The Cambridge postoffice today comes under the Boston office but in no other way are the two cities affiliated.

Old Time Polo Player

Old timers will pleasantly recall the late Billy Hill, Lowell's crack polo player of days gone by whose death

occurred just quarter of a century ago.

The old Sun noted it as follows: "William H. Hill, aged 21 years, died after a brief illness at the home of his parents, 542 Central street, Wednesday evening. He was a young man of pleasing disposition and had a large circle of friends. Mr. Hill was a well known polo player, having played with the Lowells, Salems and New Havens. He was a member of the Elks and Big Twelve."

Lowell had the polo craze over quarter of a century ago and the fans went wild over it. Then they lost interest in it and basketball got the popular fancy. After a run of basketball Frank Parsons came here and established polo again, in Huntington hall, and once more the city went crazy over the game. But after a few seasons it passed out of popularity once more and now we have basketball coming back strong, for since Cecil Dodge and Paul Clark reorganized the Lowell Five, interest in this popular game is beginning to boom again and at last Friday's contest in Associate hall, a large and enthusiastic crowd rooted for the home team. The basketball players of today are practically all new faces, barring perhaps Buckey Lew, who broke into the game at about the time that it passed out before. As a worthy successor to Albie Allard, we now have Jimmie Grant, a product of the Y.M.C.A. who in perhaps the classiest basketballer in the city at the present time.

St. Patrick's Day Weather

Quarter of a century ago the Irish and French societies held a monster parade on St. Patrick's day and they had a day that was "clear, calm and agreeable" as the old Sun described it. The weather prophets were somewhat mistaken for they predicted a heavy fall of snow for St. Patrick's day. As good fortune would have it the storm held back until the close of the celebration, but just as the first snow started to fall and it came down heavily for 24 hours afterward. Here's hoping that the storms will keep away until after the coming celebration is over. A feature of this year's celebration that was not dreamed of quarter of a century ago will be the St. Patrick's day celebration in the different hotels of the city, with feasting, favors, cabarets and music. Could you imagine ladies and gentlemen celebrating publicly in the hotel dining rooms quarter of a century ago?

Harry Pollard, Adjutant

In days gone by it was customary for the High School battalion to hold a midwinter prize drill followed by dancing and that of quarter of a century ago is described by the old Sun as follows:

"The semi-annual prize drill and reception of the High School battalion was held in Huntington hall last evening, and the attendance of youths, soldiers and spectators was large. The dress parade and competitive company drill were loudly applauded. The judges were Capt. Bean, Capt. Lull and Lieut. Greig, and according to their finding the prize went to Company B. The officers of the battalion and companies are as follows: Major Donald G. Campbell, adjutant, Harry G. Pollard, quartermaster, P. G. Barnard, sergeant-major, Henry B. Boulger, drum-sergeant, P. S. Kingsbury, Company A, William A. Duncan; 1st Lieutenant, C. A. Martin; 2d Lieutenant, E. J. Campbell, Company B—Capt. G. H. Pierce; 1st Lieutenant, F. J. Connors; 2d Lieutenant, L. G. Hutton; Company D—Capt. H. E. Pickering; 1st Lieutenant, H. W. Clough; 2d Lieutenant, A. S. Howard. The drill was followed by dancing to the music of the American orchestra. Among the out-of-town military guests present were Major Sutherland, Adj. Polley, Capt. Chase, Capt. Trott, Lieut. Tenney, Lieut. Deane, Sergt-Maj. Foss and Corp. Clifford of Chelsea; Maj. Sweetser of Wakefield; Lieut. Haggitt of Wakefield; Capt. Roberts of Andover; Lieut. Cox and Baker of Manchester and Capt. Dana of Billerica."

They Were Increasing Them Then

Says The Sun of quarter of a century ago:

"The committee on finance has raised the salaries of several clerks. Clerk Stephen K. Kirby, of the assessors' office, got a raise from \$1400 to \$1600, and Clerk William J. Reardon, from \$1000 to \$1200; Clerk Sullivan of the auditor's office, from \$800 to \$1000; Assistant Treasurer Stiles, from \$1000 to \$1100; Clerk Farrell, of the treasurer's office, from \$700 to \$1000, and Clerk Foote, of the same office a raise of \$2 per week. Assistant City Clerk McCarthy to \$1200 and Miss Colby of the

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CY SULLOWAY'S DEATH LEAVES PARTY TIE IN NATIONAL HOUSE

Interest Now Centres in Whether His Successor Can be Elected Before Opening of Extra Session of Congress—New Primary Law May Stand in the Way

Special to The Sun

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The death yesterday of Hon. Cyrus A. Sulloway, republican, member of congress from the first New Hampshire district, leaves a vacancy in the republican ranks of the house which must be filled on an even basis the tie between the two major parties, leaving 214 republicans and 214 democrats, with five who may be classed as doubtful to form the membership of the house when it convenes April 18, unless existing vacancies are previously filled. The question of just how soon New Hampshire will call for an election to fill the Sulloway vacancy is at this moment a question which is agitating the political circles of Washington. Mr. Sulloway's death has caused the first vacancy since the enactment of the primary law that state and the question of whether or not the nomination of his successor shall be made at a primary or whether it will follow along former lines, may spell republican or democratic organization of the national house of representatives at the beginning of the extra session next month. It may mean the speaker and put the patronage into the hands of one or the other of the two great parties. The New Hampshire primary law of filling intentions of candidacy 60 days before the date of the primary, would make it impossible before some date in May. If the old law of calling a town meeting on 14 days' notice is all that is required, his

auditor's office was voted \$1 more per week."

A Lowell Acrobat

Says The Sun of quarter of a century ago:

"Joseph Donnelly, Jr., who came to Lowell to attend the funeral of his father, the late Joseph Donnelly, is known in theatrical circles as Joseph Argo, and is a brother of the famous Argos and Leo, acrobats and hand balancers. He had recently been playing at the Bijou theatre, in Boston, and started Wednesday evening to an engagement in New York."

Joseph Donnelly, Jr., was one of the country's noted acrobats of some years ago, and is a brother of the famous Argos and Leo, acrobats and hand balancers. He had recently been playing at the Bijou theatre, in Boston, and started Wednesday evening to an engagement in New York."

Some Baseball Talk

All the local baseball talk that one hears these days is that Zeke Lohman has bobbed up at Marlton, Texas, and that Snubber Greenhalge is battling for 300 at the Cartridge shop, but nothing is heard as to whether or not we are going to have any good baseball in Lowell this summer. Cecil Dodge is said to be working upon a small inter-city league, while in all probability the South End, Lawrence Mfg. Kimball's and the other semi-pro teams will be in the game again. This time of year, quarter of a century ago, the old Sun began to talk baseball, and announced the formation of the celebrated South End team as follows:

"The South End team has organized for the season as follows: G. Keddy, captain; T. Foubly, J. Ball, T. Farrell, T. Wayne, W. Lawler, M. Kane, J. Cuff, W. Curran, S. Quinn and T. Canley. P. Kane was elected manager. They will open the season April 9, when they will cross bats with the Burke."

It will be noted that they opened pretty early in the year in those days, for fast day came early and marked the opening of outdoor sports. The date was too early in fact for baseball, and the fans were well pleased when fast day was abandoned and Patriots day substituted.

The old Sun also tells us the following: "The Mathews have cancelled the game they intended to play with the Manchester team on Fast day and will go to Manchester instead. Roche and Flynn will be the battery for the Mathews."

And here's another one: "Roche and Flynn of the Mathews are being sought to do the battery

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successor could be seated by April 18. An immediate election would give a majority of one to whichever of the major parties Mr. Sulloway's successor might represent, while a delay will continue the tie, unless a death or resignation of another member occurs before April 18. So the interpretation of the New Hampshire law may be nationwide in its result, and the interest here is intense.

Men familiar with New Hampshire statutes seem to hold the opinion that no primary will not apply to the present instance on account of a clause found in the supplement which states "This shall not apply to special elections to fill vacancies," but it is probable there will be a wide division of opinion regarding the interpretation of the law and that it will be put before Atty-Gen. Tuttle for a decision. The sentiment prevails among New Hampshire men here, who are well versed in the political affairs of that state, that there will be a new crop of candidates for the position, and that few if any of the members of the legislature will again enter the race. Owing to the vote in the house, and the matters of tremendous importance, both national and international, which must come before congress at the very opening of the session, there is a vast amount of speculation as to the position which must soon be called in New Hampshire and the little Granite State may prove the pivot on which the makeup of the national house may turn.

work on the Manchester, N. H., team this season."

Jack Roche was some twirler in days gone by.

And still another: "Billy McQuirk of the Mathews, formerly of the John P. Lovell team, has received an offer from the Tacoma, Washington, team."

In his old age, Billy landed in Nashua where he proceeded to show the Nashua ball team under Doc Collins how to play the game. One day in a game against Lowell Billy did so much "beating" over the manner in which Garry Wilson was playing third base, that Doc Collins in his disgust dared Billy to don a uniform and play the bag himself. Billy, who never refused a dare in his life, got out on the bag and, to the surprise of everybody, including himself, played a first class game and made a couple of hits. Immediately he was offered a steady position with the team, but he wisely declined it, saying: "I've given up the bag, I simply went into show how the bag should be played." After that he was a bigger man in Nashua than Gene Gokey, Nashua's celebrated pitcher.

Says the old Sun:

"Billy Merritt, formerly of the Holy Cross college team, and last year's champion, left Wednesday to join the Columbus, Ohio, team."

Have we any big league prospects in Lowell today?

The Price Seems Familiar

Says The Sun of quarter of a century ago:

"Two men who endeavored to pass off as plumbers, entered the store of Chapman on Gorham street and after measuring the walls and examining the fixtures went away with \$150 of the Mongolian's money. They have not been found."

Some men after an inspection of their own pumping bills might be willing to give the slingers the benefit of the doubt, and assume that they must have been plumbers."

Big Labor Demonstration

While Commissioner Warnock wasn't prominently identified with the labor movement in Lowell, quarter of a century ago, nevertheless there were demonstrations in those days, and one of the biggest ever held was a demonstration in favor of the nine hour day at which the principal speaker was Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. The meeting which crowded Huntington hall, was preceded by a big street parade, and the greatest enthusiasm was evidenced both along the line of march and in the hall. Mr. William Rafferty was chief marshal of the parade and his chief officers were Andrew Shannon of the building trades, James Sullivan, of the leather spinners, with the following: Alvin Kendall, Frank Warren, Thomas Patterson, John Martin, John Coyne, Thomas Woods, Alex. Ray, J. McCaffery, John Ring, J. Hansbury, J. Ready, T. Kennedy, E. Carlson, J. Brennan, T. M. Grall, R. Weeks, J. M. Keppeler, C. Townsend, T. O'Day, J. McCarroll, W. Whitcomb, J. Coughlin, E. Johnson, J. Jones. The parade included two bands and 25 unions. At the hall Mr. Yablonski of the Cigar-makers union called to order and introduced as the presiding officer, John J. Dunn, president of the Central Labor union. The principal speakers were Frank K. Foster and Samuel Gompers.

Death of "Tom" Whittaker
By the death of the late Patrolman "Tom" Whittaker, the police department loses the services of a faithful, courteous and conscientious member, a man who had been connected with the department for quarter of a century without making an enemy. A host of personal friends less the companionship of a genial, whole-souled, kindly and charitable man, while our little town would be sorely lacking a red hot enthusiast, one who would never hesitate to go into his pocket to help along clean sport in any of the forms.

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Although an Englishman by birth and familiar with the game of cricket, "Tom" Whittaker's favorite sport was baseball, and so died-in-the-wool was he that for many years whenever the world's series was to be played with-in reaching distance of Boston, as for instance, New York, Philadelphia or Brooklyn, "Tom" would arrange to have his vacation while the world series was being played, and invariably he'd take it in. But one good English sport to which he remained loyal, was that of whippet-racing and it was "Tom" Whittaker who introduced the whippets to Lowell. Largely through his influence and that of Michael J. Marchant, then a member of the biggest common council, one of the biggest country took place on the South common, on July 14, 1895. There were some 36 dogs entered including some of the fastest in America, and several owned by "Tom," himself. Just prior to quarter of a century ago Mr. Whittaker took charge of the Lowell baseball team in days when the game was a losing proposition in this city. Like the other old time baseball "magicians" in Lowell, he lost some of his

hard-earned money, but it didn't cause him to lose interest in the game, and he was on deck at Spaulding park whenever his duties permitted him. He was also the principal power and chief mover for every police baseball team for the past 25 years, and he was an authority on the rules of the game.

THE OLD TIMER.

CHANGE IN JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

PEKING, March.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Chinese newspapers are devoting much space to discussion of the apparent change in Japan's attitude towards China. Papers of all parties and factions share the opinion that Japan has abandoned, at least temporarily, all thought of physical conquest of China, and is devoting itself to an economic conquest.

Japan's attitude towards the new American enterprises in China and the renewed efforts of Japanese bankers to entrench themselves more thoroughly through loans of various sorts are widely discussed in the Chinese press as well as in parliament. The following statement from the Peking Daily News is representative of the view generally taken by the Chinese press: "At Tokio the belief prevails that Japan will continue her endeavor to increase her political influence in China. The Japanese business men are continually clamoring for a political ascendancy that will not be so abrupt as to endanger peace. But they want a thorough economic conquest of the neighboring republic."

The readiness with which the Chinese recently granted American capitalists the concession to build a long railroad and their hesitation in making contracts with the Japanese have awakened the Japanese to the fact that ascendancy in China, to be successful, must be accompanied by some measure of trust and confidence. The Japanese have tricked the Chinese so much that the Chinese have lost all confidence in their neighbors, both politically and commercially.

The situation as it stands between

the United States, China and Japan is in its infancy, but it is growing daily and will have to be taken into consideration soon."

Chinese papers throughout the republic show hostility to any financial arrangement in which Japan has a hand. There is a general disposition to discourage joint action between any group of foreign powers and China, if Japan be included in the group. Chinese newspapers are practically unanimous in their expression of the hope that American bankers will invest large sums in the development of China, without co-operation with foreign powers. The United States is heralded as the one country which has dealt fairly with China, and has no desire to acquire Chinese territory and exclusive undue political pressure on China through financial channels.

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FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMED GUARDS ON SHIPS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Complete and definite instructions to the "armed guards" to be placed aboard American merchant craft bound through the German submarine zones have been completed by the navy department and approved by Secretary Lansing. They will be forwarded to the navy personnel aboard the merchant craft whenever the ships which are to be armed are ready to sail.

The nature of the instructions will not be made public. They were carefully prepared by navy officials and then submitted to Secretary Lansing, at whose suggestion some amendment was made. It is planned not to broadcast the orders generally through the naval service, but to furnish the officer in command of the armed guard on each ship with a copy when his vessel is ready to sail.

The navy department is making every effort to suppress all information regarding armed ships, such as sailing dates, the equipment put aboard by the navy, the personnel supplied to handle the guns or anything that might be of value to an enemy. It was said officially, however, that no conflict of jurisdiction between the ship master and the gun crews would arise.

POSSIBLE SHORTAGE OF AMERICAN SAILORS

NEW YORK, March 13.—Preparations to send out American merchant ships armed and guarded against submarines have revealed a possible shortage of American sailors. It is understood that the American line, none of whose passenger vessels has sailed for Europe since the beginning of the German blockade will need 2000 men, Gustave A. Braun, secretary of the Atlantic district of the International Seamen's union of America, expresses doubt that so many men can be furnished by the union at short notice.

Other difficulties according to Mr. Braun, may arise from the fact that many of the union seamen are not American citizens. Some are Germans, others are citizens of the entente nations and reluctant to go to ports where they might be held for army service. Six thousand union men, Mr. Braun said, expect to go to the Great Lakes, where navigation will open next month.

The union will meet tomorrow night to consider the offer of the International Mercantile Marine, owners of the American line, of a 50 per cent wage bonus. The union has demanded a 75 per cent bonus.

VATICAN LOOKS INTO FRENCH GIRL'S VISION

SEEKS DETAILS IN "SECOND JOAN OF ARC" CASE—PARIS CLERGY SEND REPORT

ROME, via Paris, March 13.—The Vatican is taking a great interest in the reports of visions of Marie Perchaud and the command she is supposed to have received instructing her to lead the French armies to victory. A report already has been received from the clergy in Paris and further details are being asked of the archbishopric there.

Marie Perchaud, 20 years of age, daughter of a farmer of the department of La Vendee, has stirred the imagination of the French by her declaration that, like Joan of Arc, she had seen visions and heard voices commanding her to guide the armies of France to victory. At present Marie Perchaud is living in a Paris boarding house conducted by nuns.

INTER MOUNTAIN RATES CASES

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The Interstate commerce commission has placed before all railroads a series of proposals looking to the permanent solution of the inter-mountain rate cases. The plan provides for the abolition of preferential rates in existence for many years on many articles of west bound trans-continental freight from Pacific coast ports.

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SPRING TERM ABOUT TO OPEN

LABOR REGISTRATION Continued

Howe, members of the waterways commission, appeared before the council and talked at length on the protection of the city streams and urged action on the part of the council.

The council convened at 10 o'clock. A hearing was given to T. A. & T. Co. on its petition for the erection of poles in West Sixth and Dalton streets. The petitions were referred.

John Cunningham, representing his mother, who owns property at Boylston and Rogers streets, part of which was seized by the city three years ago when that corner was widened, appeared before the council and stated that although his mother had been awarded \$40 for damages, she had never received a cent and that he did not think she was being given a square deal.

Mr. Cunningham said that his mother believed the sum of \$200 was a fair award as the best part of the lawn surrounding the house had been destroyed in the taking and also a large elm tree. Commissioner Morse said that he had done the work in keeping with the plans and lines supplied by the city engineer and that the matter now was up to the law department. Following some discussion, on motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Mr. Morse, the sum of \$100 was voted Mrs. Cunningham for the damage to the lawn.

Hearings were set for Tuesday, April 3, at 10 a. m. on the petition of Stella V. Smith, Eugene N. Morrill, A. J. Ramsdell, City Hall garage, and the United Tire Co. for garage and gasoline licenses.

A hearing was given T. A. Palmer on his petition for a garage license at 530 Westford street. The matter was referred.

Margaret McNamara and Louise E. Woods filed claims for personal injuries and Mrs. Ellen Kelly, through counsel, Charles A. Donahue, asked for a hearing on her claim for personal injuries sustained in a fall in Bond street last December. The hearing was set for next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The N. E. T. & T. Co. asked for permission to erect and maintain two poles in Cross street, six poles in Whitney avenue and one pole in Bolivar street. The L. E. L. Corp. asked for permission to erect two poles in Crows street. A hearing was set for March 27, at 10 a. m.

Edward White was elected a weigher of coal and hay.

The mayor read a letter from John F. Meehan, marshal of the St. Patrick's day parade, inviting the council to review the parade. Mr. Morse moved that the out-of-town guests be entertained on that day and that a sufficient sum of money be taken from the commissioners' fund for that purpose. It was so voted.

The Donovan Harness Co. filed a claim amounting to \$1778.97 for alleged damages to its store, resulting from a water pipe leak in Palmer street.

LABOR REGISTRATION

The following communication was then read from the civil service commission:

Mr. Stephen Flynn, City Clerk, Lowell, Mass.
Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 24th ultimo, notifying this commission that at a meeting of the municipal council, held Feb. 13, it was voted that no appropriation be allowed for civil service labor registration in Lowell, I am directed by the commission to say that the registration of laborers under civil service law will be continued and that the condition be not held, anything about it since. The council is ready for the conference any time the mayor arranges it," said Mr. Warnock.

Mr. Palmer: "The city of Lawrence is not over this matter and its legislators have appeared before the legislative committee in Boston on the registration. Only two of the legislators from Lowell have appeared before the committee, the others seem afraid to come out and speak. They appear afraid of the powerful mill influences which will be brought to bear upon them if they do speak."

Harry W. J. Howe of the waterways commission also spoke, and asked that the city solicitor be instructed to appear at the next hearing at the state house on this matter, which comes up again on March 24.

Mr. Howe also asked that a conference be arranged with the Wamecroft Power Co. relative to danger spots along the Concord river.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Palmer about the Locks and Canals charter. Mr. Palmer said it was granted them in 1912.

Mr. Brown: "If the Locks and Canals have not complied with their charter, is there any way to have it revoked?" Mr. Palmer replied that he thought that extremely doubtful, but that the best method of procedure would be to endeavor legislation, making the company comply with the charter.

It was voted that the entire matter be left in the hands of the city solicitor.

Mr. Palmer of the American Voting Machine Co. wished to demonstrate one of the company's machines, which was set up in the council chamber. He was granted this permission as soon as the meeting adjourned.

Employment of Auditor
Mr. Warnock said he had one other little matter he wished to bring to the attention of the council. He read the following opinion from the city solicitor relative to the employment of an accountant to make an audit of the city books.

Mr. Francis A. Warnock, Commissioner of the Property and Licenses, Lowell, Mass.: "You propound the following query:

"What is the authority of the municipal council in directing an audit of the books of the city, having in view the matter of an accountant or auditor being engaged by the commissioner of finance, and subsequently thereafter the municipal council instructing the treasurer and city auditor to decline paying or approving the bills of said auditor."

Commissioner Warnock was given authority to expend the sum of about \$115 for the installation of a disinfecting machine at the Chestnut Street hospital.

Authority also was given for the calling of bids on electric lighting equipment at the new contagious hospital.

Warnock Takes Chair
Mayor O'Donnell left the meeting at this time and Commissioner Warnock took the chair of the waterways commission addressed the council relative to the proper fencing of the city waterways. Mr. Palmer repeated the



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statement alleged to have been made at the state house by Frank E. Dunbar, counsel for the Locks and Canals that the company was erecting fences for the protection of the waterways and not of the public. Mr. Palmer said that the Locks and Canals would offer every obstruction possible to prevent being forced to comply with the orders of the municipal council, and that it was high time for a show down on the whole matter.

Mr. Palmer asked the council to request the Locks and Canals to have representatives present at a hearing on the proper safeguarding of the canals in Front street and in the rear of the Hamilton mill counting room. Mr. Palmer asked that the council do its part in preventing swimming below the sewer lines this coming summer and to take whatever action possible in obtaining a swimming hole in the canal which would be under police supervision. He also spoke of the danger spots in the Merrimack river during the time when ice is being harvested there. "The city has not done all in its power to protect the lives of its children," said Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Warnock said that a vote was passed by the council about two weeks ago instructing the mayor to arrange a conference between the council, the waterways commission, the Wamecroft Power Co. and the Locks and Canals, but that he had not heard anything about it since. "The council is ready for the conference any time the mayor arranges it," said Mr. Warnock.

Mr. Palmer: "The city of Lawrence is not over this matter and its legislators have appeared before the legislative committee in Boston on the registration. Only two of the legislators from Lowell have appeared before the committee, the others seem afraid to come out and speak. They appear afraid of the powerful mill influences which will be brought to bear upon them if they do speak."

Harry W. J. Howe of the waterways commission also spoke, and asked that the city solicitor be instructed to appear at the next hearing at the state house on this matter, which comes up again on March 24.

Mr. Howe also asked that a conference be arranged with the Wamecroft Power Co. relative to danger spots along the Concord river.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Palmer about the Locks and Canals charter. Mr. Palmer said it was granted them in 1912.

Mr. Brown: "If the Locks and Canals have not complied with their charter, is there any way to have it revoked?" Mr. Palmer replied that he thought that extremely doubtful, but that the best method of procedure would be to endeavor legislation, making the company comply with the charter.

It was voted that the entire matter be left in the hands of the city solicitor.

Mr. Palmer of the American Voting Machine Co. wished to demonstrate one of the company's machines, which was set up in the council chamber. He was granted this permission as soon as the meeting adjourned.

Employment of Auditor
Mr. Warnock said he had one other little matter he wished to bring to the attention of the council. He read the following opinion from the city solicitor relative to the employment of an accountant to make an audit of the city books.

Mr. Francis A. Warnock, Commissioner of the Property and Licenses, Lowell, Mass.: "You propound the following query:

"What is the authority of the municipal council in directing an audit of the books of the city, having in view the matter of an accountant or auditor being engaged by the commissioner of finance, and subsequently thereafter the municipal council instructing the treasurer and city auditor to decline paying or approving the bills of said auditor."

Commissioner Warnock was given authority to expend the sum of about \$115 for the installation of a disinfecting machine at the Chestnut Street hospital.

Authority also was given for the calling of bids on electric lighting equipment at the new contagious hospital.

Warnock Takes Chair
Mayor O'Donnell left the meeting at this time and Commissioner Warnock took the chair of the waterways commission addressed the council relative to the proper fencing of the city waterways. Mr. Palmer repeated the



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MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED IN SMUGGLING PLOT

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 13.—Further developments in the alleged plots to smuggle chronometers ashore from the German commerce raiders, Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, intended at the Philadelphia navy yard, were expected today. In addition to the five persons, including one woman, already under arrest on the nominal charge of smuggling as to the removal of the Philadelphia navy yard, was expected today. In addition to the five persons, including one woman, already under arrest on the nominal charge of smuggling as to the removal of the Philadelphia navy yard, was expected today. In addition to the five persons, including one woman, already under arrest on the nominal charge of smuggling as to the removal of the Philadelphia navy yard, was expected today.

Orders authorizing a search of the interned raiders were expected from Washington today. Mayor Smith yesterday made a personal appeal to Secretary Daniels of the navy department for the removal of the two ships of the German commerce raiders, Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, intended at the Philadelphia navy yard, were expected today. In addition to the five persons, including one woman, already under arrest on the nominal charge of smuggling as to the removal of the Philadelphia navy yard, was expected today. In addition to the five persons, including one woman, already under arrest on the nominal charge of smuggling as to the removal of the Philadelphia navy yard, was expected today.

The investigation yesterday as far as it was permitted to be made public, centered to a great extent around Adelbert K. Fischer and his wife, two of those arrested in connection with the smuggling plot. It was learned that the Schutte & Kaerling company, of which Fischer is president, is a branch of a large German marine engineering concern located at Hamburg and that it has been engaged in the manufacture of parts of oil burning engines for American warships. Several years ago, it was said, the company manufactured shells for the government. Mrs. Fischer's father is said to be a high official of the parent company in Hamburg.

The 10 chronometers said to have been smuggled from the ships and which are believed to be of vital importance in the investigation were sent yesterday to an expert clockmaker for examination to determine whether they had been an attempt to tamper with the works and if so what it indicated. Federal agents said the chronometers could be used to explode bombs which might be secreted in the vessels for the purpose of destroying them in case of war.

and having in view also the matter of the municipal council's voting to employ another to audit said books."

Section 26 of the charter states: "The municipal council shall determine the policies to be pursued and the work to be undertaken in each department, but each commissioner shall have full power to carry out the policies or to have the work performed in his department as directed by the municipal council."

This language is clear and explicit and vests in the municipal council full and complete authority to direct and select the accountants or accountants to perform said work, and the commissioner in whose department the supervision of said work belongs shall act in the performance of said work under the direction of the council.

Section 25, of course, empowers the commissioner of finance to cause the audit of the books of the city and to select the accountant or accountants to perform said work, and the commissioner in whose department the supervision of said work belongs shall act in the performance of said work under the direction of the council.

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GUilty IN 96 COUNTS OF DRUG SELLING

VERDICT RETURNED AGAINST DR. LEMUEL F. NOBLE—NOT GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

BOSTON, March 13.—Guilty on 96 counts was the verdict returned at 4.35 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a jury in the superior criminal court before Judge Morton, against Dr. Lemuel F. Noble, in an indictment for illegally dispensing narcotic drugs.

Dr. Noble was found not guilty on an indictment alleging conspiracy with Dr. Elliot F. Robbins to prescribe and dispense drugs, and Dr. Robbins was acquitted on the latter indictment, the only one against him.

RUTLAND R.R. DIVIDEND
NEW YORK, March 13.—The Rutland railroad today declared a dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock as the first disbursement for this account since 1905.

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AMERICA NOT "BLUFFING"

Members of the Gerard party just returned from Germany assert that the officials of that country believed until the diplomatic rupture occurred that the United States was merely bluffing in its threats of action in defense of its rights on the sea. Indeed it appears that some of Germany's friends in this country have been responsible not only for that delusion, but for the more ludicrous report that in case of war between this country and Germany, there would be a popular uprising here that would paralyze the government.

It was even alleged, quite falsely of course, that millions of German-Americans would take the side of Germany in case of war between that nation and the United States.

It is very strange that a nation otherwise so keen and progressive as Germany, could be gulled by such buncombe as that.

Well, the word has gone out to the world that in the matter of defending our rights at sea, President Wilson is not bluffing; nor is congress bluffing in its expressed readiness to back up the president in the policy of armed neutrality; nor are the people bluffing in their very general endorsement of this policy as the only means of defending neutral commerce on the high seas against the most ruthless plan of destruction ever devised by the mind of man.

This nation is determined to reassert neutral rights and bring marine warfare within the limits recognized and approved by international law. Whether the step taken by President Wilson will result in war depends entirely upon Germany. If that nation in her desperation persists in destroying American ships as well as those of belligerent nations, then it is difficult to see how war can be avoided.

DRUNKEN CHAUFFEURS

A Salem newspaper man of good standing recently created a sensation at a hearing before the committee on roads and bridges when he asserted that a man carrying a Massachusetts license of competency and fitness to operate an automobile was a confirmed drunkard. His specific statement was as follows:

"At the present session of the superior court for Essex county this man was sent to the house of correction for three months for operating an automobile while intoxicated; he had a record of 14 arrests for drunkenness since 1911, and four times since Sept. 30, 1916; he was so drunk when arrested that he could not stand without help; he ran down a motorcycle and broke his leg and smashed his motorcycle; he had a half pint of liquor in his pocket, and admitted having drunk two or three times before he got out of Chelsea. The man had been three times sentenced to the house of correction for drunkenness since 1911, and had paid fines amounting to \$50 in sums of from \$5 to \$15.

The state highway commission which has the power to issue chauffeurs' licenses, has certainly made a blunder in this case. It revokes a license on evidence of careless driving or any other evidence of unfitness. Why not make provision that any chauffeur convicted of drunkenness or of driving an automobile under the influence of drink shall be deprived of his license without hope of being restored?

It is no wonder that automobile accidents are numerous if even a small number of men of this type are licensed to drive motor cars on the highways of the state.

STREET RAILWAY MATTERS

The Bay State Street Railway company, with antiquated equipment and inefficient methods, has been making more than six per cent. on its inflated capitalization in this city. With modern equipment and efficient methods it can turn over a profit of more than seven per cent., even without squeezing the water from its stock. Is that not a "reasonable" profit? Has any public service corporation a right to demand more? Are not the interests of the people who grant the franchises and make the profitable operation of street cars possible to be considered at all? —Fall River Herald.

It would seem that Lowell is not the only city in which there is a kick over the service of the Bay State Street Railway public. Just at present the Fall River public is protesting against the order of the Public Service commission taking away the "six-ticket for a quarter" privilege. The Fall River people claim the service for that city is and should be local and independent, that is, that it should not have to make up for the lack of income on interurban lines. Other cities naturally concur in this opinion.

STATE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

The state employment office, which has been conducted in Fall River since 1907 has been closed as a dead failure. It was supposed that it would serve as a sort of clearing house for the mills of the city but it didn't. When operatives wanted work in a mill, they applied at the office or the gate and when members of other crafts of organized labor wanted work, they applied to their respective unions.

The unemployed, it seems, had a dislike for the state employment bureau on the ground that it was intended to furnish a species of state aid. The mill workers of today are too independent to run any risk of being set down as leaning on the free services of a state bureau. The office has closed up and it is just as well. It never did any good and as a mere experiment it was a failure.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

The city of Lawrence has a forecast of an \$18,500 tax rate for the present year. That for a city that has, or had, the reputation for not being blest with over thrifty government, is not so bad. Still Lawrence is crying after Lowell and may eventually follow our

Seen and Heard

Tight chauffeurs are responsible for many auto accidents than are loose tires.

Why not blindfold the potatoes eyes so they can't see their way to advance again?

Press Agent Was Pecked

The young woman swept majestically into the tea room of a New York hotel, and explained to the waiter that she wanted English muffins and a pot of hot water. She poured out a cup of the water, then took a golden ball and dangled it daintily in the air. "I always bring my tea with me. My dear father brought it from China, and it is very difficult to get," she said to the young man who had come in with her.

"Foolish," growled the young man. "Why, don't I do it right?" she demanded. "Now, we don't get this over. Let's go." And they went. He was a press agent and she hoped to become a theatrical star.

In Love and Out Again

In the course of a wild, free, full and vegetable life, in New York city, Tony Cusco has sold "Fruit-a-lives" long enough to recognize a musical voice when he hears one. That is why he was not cast down when Mrs. Rosa Weisenberger rejected his wares via the dumb waiter, but took occasion to tell her that she could reject all the vegetables in the world without offending yours sincerely, Tony Cusco.

She slammed the dumb waiter door, but a few minutes later the door bell of the apartment rang. It was Tony, who wished to say on behalf of himself and the vegetables that love had crept into his heart and that although he customarily confined his affections to friends and strangers, he could spare one little kiss for Mrs. Weisenberger. The elevator boy heard the scuffle when she tried to close the door and he continued his persuasions. So a stout policeman came and removed Mr. Cusco's feet up from the building. A magistrate arranged matters so that for six months Tony will be free from the temptation of sweet voices.

Familiarity Breeds Contempt
Famous men are men about whom we know little or nothing. When we know about the home life of Paul Revere? We know about his dexterity as a bareback rider and lantern waver, but what do we know about his disposition at the breakfast table? And maybe Paul Revere was more anxious to be a jovial spirit in his home if he had any than he was to be a good bareback rider.

If we know much about anybody he isn't a hero. That's why prophets have to leave their home towns. If we see a great musician eating fried eggs he loses his glamor. If we know anything at all specific about a great man it is better if there is some doubt about it as to whether or not he really drinks like a fish, for instance. It is the same with places as it is with people—Coney Island is all right until you go there.

So, fine point about fame, if you want to be famous, don't let anybody see you in your shirt sleeves (unless you are a shirt sleeve genius then a photograph is better than a personal

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view.) The public wants its heroes to keep their distance. It wants its famous not to get familiar. It thinks it wants to know all about them but it doesn't.

Reverie o' a Scot

Here's another little gem contributed by our good friend Bernard D. Ward of 105 South street.

Whaur twines the path thro' Aere
Midst ferny leaves and briar,
I saunter in ma lonesome moods,
When first the sun's bright fire
Peeps out frae ma murky skies,
And flitters mair the trees,
As slumb'rin Nature opens its eyes
Kissed by the springtime breeze.

The daisy and the buttercup,
The primrose and the bluebell,
Violets o'er night spring up,
As the sun's rays and dew
The blushing lilies his morning song,
The lark his tuneful lay,
The myrtle notes ring clear and strong
And the robins are at play.

The murmur o' the bonnie burn,
Whaur hides the speckled trout,
Ma's music in nature's turn
As it winds in and out,
Among the wooded banks and braes,
Well went in song and story,
A memory o' finer days,
O' Scotland's pride and glory.

I canna tell just how I feel,
While wanderin' in this way,
So somberly I'm inclined to kneel,
And fervently I pray,
That He who reigns in heights above
And marks the sparrows' ways,
Nae fondly cherish every ane,
In cot and mansion ha'.

They Do Say

That we will be going Maying pretty soon.

That this kind of weather makes the snow go.

That some sidewalks ought to be anchored.

That Saturday's parade will be the best yet.

That you'd better start planning your vacation now.

That it's about time to order your Easter bonnet.

That some men want to do better and others won't try.

That Inspector Dreauff fits well in his new position.

That we will have to make 'em light this year—wonder, we mean.

That it looks as if the Locks & Canal company will have to get busy.

That life would be one sweet song if we didn't have to wait for trolley cars.

That the park board suggests a rather novel scheme to get a little money.

That two Lowell young women participated in a happy reunion in Boston, Sunday.

That Traffic Officer Whelan has grieved with his rubber coat and rubber boots.

That the favorite of Dracut when announced may cause a big surprise in the town.

That a master barber in New York, who employs only dumb barbers, is said to be reaping a harvest.

That a certain local undertaker is looking for a man whom he says ought to have been interred Sunday.

That the gentleman who insists upon the train being out of sight before taking the gates is another natty snatcher.

That the new "autobus" giving transfers to different points of the city will be as welcome as the flowers of spring.

That the patrons of the Moody street car line are wondering when the Street Railway Co. intends to improve the service.

That Justice Train, who presided over the superior court session in this city yesterday, is reported to be the wisest judge on the superior court bench.

COURT ORDERS BOYS SPANKED BEFORE CROWD

PORTLAND, Me., March 13.—Instead of sentencing seven youthful thieves to the state school for boys yesterday as is the frequent practice in such cases, Judge Samuel L. Bates ordered the boys' parents to spank their sons publicly.

When the lads were arraigned for breaking into a dozen or more stores and stealing candy, gum and mar, the judge told the parents that the most effective punishment would be an old-fashioned spanking.

Four fathers and two mothers took their offspring to the waiting room in the police station, and for five minutes the room echoed with the cries of the youthful offenders as strains, slaps and cuffs were all wielded vigorously on their little bodies, while a large audience watched the operation.

LATE SPRING

MARLBORO, March 13.—(Official weather observers here were interested in watching a large flock of wild geese flying south late yesterday afternoon over the city in their customary spring flight to the north two days before.

It means a late spring and late snow, and one of the weather men produced figures, recording similar results in other years, in each case followed by a backward spring.

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Girls! Draw a cloth through your hair and double its beauty.

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To be possessed of a head of heavy, beautiful hair; soft, lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine.

It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of abundance, freshness, softness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and as you will you cannot find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two weeks' use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp—Danderine is, we believe, the only hair grower, destroyer of dandruff and cure for itching scalp and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

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and that it stands the highest for its remarkable results in the most distressing cases.

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"For the past two years I have suffered a great deal with my stomach, could not sleep at night, had headaches and my food fermented and caused me to vomit. I suffered agonies and had a bad taste in my mouth continually. I had night sweats and at times felt very faint and weak. In fact seemed to be completely run down and had no ambition or energy to do anything. After taking Plant Juice for several weeks I feel like a new man. I sleep well, can eat anything I want and digest it, am not constipated and am feeling the best I have in years. Plant Juice has relieved my stomach trouble and I am glad to recommend it to others."

Plant Juice acts almost like magic on stomach trouble. It is a powerful, heavy, distressing feeling after meals and on retching. It attacks and destroys all poisons in the blood, corrects diseased conditions of the liver and kidneys, and restores them to normal condition. It banishes rheumatism from the blood.

The Plant Juice Man is at Dr. J. H. Drugg's, at Merrimack Square, where he is doing a special business in public and explaining the merits of this remedy.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CLERKS

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED LAST EVENING BY SPINDLE CITY LODGE

The regular monthly meeting of Spindle City lodge, 103, B.R.C., was held last evening and considerable business was transacted. The installation exercises were presided over by Deputy Grand President John S. Jackson, assisted by Deputy Grand Secretary Arthur Rudolph, Chaplain. The following officers were installed for the coming year: President, John H. Shea; vice president, John Burke;



JOHN H. SHEA President

secretary-treasurer, John J. Frawley; chaplain, Frederick Osgood; guard, David Flahaven. Eight candidates were given the degree of the order. The following were elected to serve on the grievance committee: John S. Jackson, chairman; Edward J. Flannery and John Shea. After the regular meeting, a social hour was enjoyed, the following talent contributing to the evening's entertainment: John Johnson, piano selections; Edward B. Regan, violin solos; Eugene V. Dean, vocal solos and Edward J. Flannery recited in his own inimitable manner the comic selection, "It's Plover". Refreshments were served by Caterer Brown.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BATTALION

The annual Lowell high school girls' battalion ball will take place on Friday evening, April 20, in-Associate hall. Plans are already in the making and one of the happiest events in years is anticipated.

Committees have been appointed as follows:

Programs, invitations and tickets—Chairman, Maj. Berge Fradd; Adm. Joseph A. White; Captains Katherine Jones, Mary Kelly, Geneva Hanson and Dorothy Smith; Lieutenants Darling, Gladys Fradd, Beatrice Brown and Helen Thissell.

Ball and music—Chairman, Major Charlotte Green; Adm. Edith Geddes; Captains Esther Bennett, Mildred Connor, Marie Crompton and Ruth Delano; Lieutenants Alice McMahon, Mildred Lacey, Rita Doyle and Alice Grand.

Decorations—Chairman, Major Emily Gaudette; Adm. Verda A. Dragon; Captains Ruth Jamison, Lilian Sullivan, Theresa Donovan and Gertrude Fellows; Lieutenants Jennie Peck, Catherine Egan, Noella Fayette and Helen Hannon.

Refreshments—Chairman, Maj. Elsie Logan; Adm. Margaret O'Neil; Captains Dorothy McAdams, Velma Nichols, Marie Judd and Ruth Turner; Lieutenants Matilda Kleinburg, Mary O'Connor, Marie Hearn and Violet Hands.

This Leaves the Skin Free From Hairy Growths

(Toilet Talks)

A simple method for completely removing every trace of hair or fuzz is here given. This is painless and usually a single treatment will banish even stubborn growths. To remove hairs, make a thick paste with some powdered talc and water, spread on hairy surface and after about two minutes rub off with the skin and the hairs are gone. This method will not mar the skin, but to avoid disappointment, be certain you get talc.



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CARRANZA AMNESTY PUTS BAN ON VILLA BAND

EL PASO, Tex., March 13.—Amnesty will be offered to all Mexican refugees by Gen. Carranza after he is inaugurated president of Mexico on May 1, yesterday by Carranza officials. The only exceptions will be Francisco Villa, his immediate followers and those implicated in the murder of President Francisco I. Madero and Vice President Jose Pino Suarez. Even these will be limited to the leaders.

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NEW RECORD IN THE
K. OF C. LEAGUETEAM TOTAL MARK SMASHED BY
ELDORADOS—CONCANNON AGAIN
LEADS INDIVIDUAL ROLLERS

Some excitement was created at the Merrimack alleys last evening when the team total record in the Knights of Columbus league was smashed by the Eldorados when they rolled 1165 for a new mark and incidentally took four points from the Granadas. Parker Cox, of the winning team was high man of the game by rolling a high single of 116 and a total of 255. The Gringos surprised the Pintas in the same league by winning four points. Tom Callahan, of the winners, was the big noise of the evening, rolling a three-strike total of 330 and also tied with Cox of the Eldorados for high single honors. The scores:

ELDORADOS				
O'Malley	96	194	112	312
Cox	96	112	116	324
Conners	84	111	93	288
McAloney	90	91	97	278
Connolly	90	91	97	278
Totals	484	505	408	1495

GRANADAS				
G. McCarthy	88	89	108	285
Walsh	77	88	101	266
Nevels	113	105	92	310
McAloney	77	79	79	235
Slattery	97	116	89	302
Totals	484	476	472	1432

GENOAS				
Guthrie	99	86	77	262
Handley	95	109	96	300
Baxter	93	79	86	258
Callahan	111	116	109	336
McArdle	108	85	117	310
Totals	497	475	435	1387

PINTAS				
L. Queenan	90	90	87	267
Roughan	95	81	94	270
Morris	95	87	81	263
Ryan	104	98	86	288
O'Brien	98	100	86	284
Totals	470	459	444	1373

Concannon went into first place again in the individual standing of the Knights of Columbus league as a result of consistent rolling on his part. The past week, Dick O'Brien, who was occupying the front position last week, fell down slightly in his two last games and is now a good second with Peter Savage clinging tenaciously to third place. Ryan, Roughan and Jack Noonan are still up with the leaders, and Walter Connolly's work of the past week has sent him up with the first division. Brigan, McArdle, Groves and McNulty continue in good form. In the team averages the San Salvadors hold a commanding lead with O'Dea's Santa Marias in second place.

TEAM STANDING				
Team	Won	Lost	P.C.	
San Salvadors	18	11	69.4	
Santa Marias	18	14	56.2	
Isabellas	20	16	55.6	
Pintas	20	16	55.6	
Eldorados	17	15	52.1	
Granadas	19	22	41.3	
Albion	10	22	31.2	
Genos	10	22	31.2	

Individual averages—Concannon 100.5, R. O'Brien 102.6, Savage 100.6, Ryan 99.8, J. Roughan 98.5, Noonan 98.4, Connolly 98.4, Brigan 95.1, McAloney 95.5, McNulty 95.2, Groves 95.15.

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min. to 6:45 P. M., every 60 min. to 9:45
P. M., 10:45 P. M.

Return, leave Sullivan Sq., WEEK
DAYS, 6:40 A. M., every 60 min. to
11:40 A. M., 12:10, 1:40, 2:10, 2:40,
3:10 P. M., every 30 min. to 6:40 P. M.,
every 60 min. to 9:40 P. M., 10:40 P. M.,
11:40 P. M., every 60 min. to 9:40 P. M.,
10:40 P. M.

Return, leave Malden Sq., WEEK-
DAYS, 7:02 A. M., every 60 min. to
12:02 P. M., 12:32, 1:02, 1:32, 2:02 P. M.,
every 30 min. to 6:02 P. M., every 60
min. to 9:02 P. M., 10:02 P. M., every
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Donohoe 96.12, Slattery 95.4, J. Murphy
93.2, O'Dea 93.1, G. McCarthy 93.1, Mol-
loy 93.1, Callahan 92.5, Connors 92.5, Mor-
ris 91.16, Loupret 91.5, P. Cox 91.5, J.
Queenan 91.2, B. O'Malley 91.15, En-
right 90.6, W. O'Brien 89.4, Walsh 88.5,
C. Roughan 88.11, Guthrie 88.5, Kelly
88.5, O'Malley 88.5, Baxter 88.5, J. Green
87.15, Brennan 87.10, Handley 87.11, O'Co-
nn 87.2, J. McAloney 86.2, J. Noonan
86.5, Farrell 85.15, Tyrrell 85.6, G.
Sullivan 85, Rodgers 84.11, Ford 83.6,
M. McCarthy 83.3, McSorley 82.12, Mc-
Leary 82.4, Honnessey 80.2, Hogan 79.1,
McHugh 78.10.

LAWRENCE MFG. LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Points
Boarding Room	10	1	24.108
Shirt Finish	10	1	27.018
Shipping Dept.	10	1	27.183
Hose Unit	10	1	27.183
Shirt Fold	10	1	26.635
Pipe Shop	10	1	22.143
Dye House	10	1	25.619

Individual averages: Hague 95.23,
Vezina 94.21, Champagne 94.20, Gen-
froy 94.11, Patton 93.21, Marlin 93.19,
Lafontaine 92.11, Akerley 92.1, W. H.
Hare 92.29, Rappier 92.5, Welles 92.4,
Pigeon 91.38, Bourque 91.37, Chase
91.24, Pillsbury 91.18, Maignant 91.15,
Senior 91.11, Nault 91.1, Riley 91.1,
L. H. 91.4, L. H. 91.2, Baker 90.45, Swin-
dell 90.35, Trudel 90.35, Loiselle 90.35,
Green 90.25, Lacombe 90.17, Pineault
90.14, Clay 90.7.

COMPANIES C AND G

Companies C and G met in the Ar-
mor Athletic league last night. Com-
pany C took the shoot, 208 to 187, but
G turned the tables on the bowling al-
leys. On the basketball court, how-
ever, C men again came to the fore
and won as they pleased, 49 to 3.

The scores and summaries:
Shooting—Co. C, Sergeant Stevenson
45, Priv. Hartman 42, Priv. Normandin
41, Bugler Nault 38, Sergt. Stack 42,
Total, 208.
Company G—Priv. Wiggin 37, Priv.
Company G—Priv. Ganley 39, Priv. Ad-
dick 39, Bugler Lussier 42, Total, 187.
Supervisor, Corp. C. Lemire.

CO. C

Connors, Earley rf., lb Clark
Thomas lf., rb Shea
Battersby, c, Smith
Gerry lb., lf Hennessy
Doherty lb., rf Brule

Summary: Score—Company C 49,
Company G 3. Baskets: Doherty 12,
Gerry 10, Battersby 1, Thomas 1, Shea
2, Clark 1. Points from fouls: Com-
pany C 11, Company G 10. Referee,
Mann, of Company K. Umpir,
Corp. McCready of Company K, scorer,
Sergt. Crowell, headquarters.

COMPANY G

Scullion 70 72 80 232
George 87 81 85 263
Akerley 81 85 82 248
Loupret 85 89 80 254
Gendron 83 86 94 263

COMPANY C

Murphy 86 74 79 239
Tetreault 77 77 104 258
Gillis 82 82 85 257
Martel 74 79 85 238

Totals 416 411 437 1294

WARREN MANSUR, 1918

TRACK CAPTAIN

Warren Mansur, high jumper, was
unanimously elected captain of next
year's high school track team at a
meeting of the 1917 letter men this
morning.

The following members of
the team voted at the election: Capt.
Lynch, Liston, Washburn, McCann,
Hanson, Ingalls, Falls, Silcox and Man-
sur.

Mansur is a sophomore and will
hold the honor in his junior year. This
is a distinction which seldom falls to
a high school boy, but no one will
gainsay that Mansur richly deserves it.
Fred Silcox will be a senior next year
and probably was in direct line for the
captaincy, but he will be over the age
limit next fall and will unfortunately
be barred from interscholastic compe-
tition. This will be a tremendous loss
to the team.

Of the above named letter men, Man-
sur alone will be back to compete on
the team next year. At present this
is a dreary outlook, but perchance the
sun will break through the cloud bank
in the 1918 season rolls round.

It also was voted this morning to
hold the annual banquet on Thursday
evening, March 22, at the D. L. Page
Co.

DIES OF GRIEF FOR
DEAD WIFE

BOSTON, March 12.—Grief over the
recent death of his wife caused the
death of Col. Alfred Hocking, super-
intendent of the Melrose postoffice, at
the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wil-
liam H. Atwood, 1 Sewall street, Mel-
rose.

Col. Hocking was 75 years of age.
He is survived by two daughters, Mrs.
E. L. Fletcher of Lowell and Mrs. At-
wood of Melrose.

YARROWDALE PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Arrival
of the 39 Yarrowdale prisoners at
Zurich was officially reported by Min-
ister Stovall at Bern in a despatch to
the state department today which
bore the date of March 12.

BAN ON SHIPPING NEWS

NEW YORK, March 12.—The ban on
shipping information at the custom
house was today made complete by or-
der of the treasury department. The
custom house has refused, since the
break with Germany, to make public
clearances of ships or their manifests.

Under the new orders manifests of in-
coming ships, including American coast
wise, will be withheld as well as other
shipping information with the excep-
tion of the monthly statistics on im-
ports and exports.

PLAN TO PROVIDE HOMES
FOR WAGE EARNERS

The Massachusetts homestead com-
mission has secured options on about
four acres of land in the vicinity of
Parker and B streets in the Highlands
for the purpose of erecting 35 houses
as an experiment in building homes at
a low cost and it has asked the legis-
lature for \$100,000 to be expended in
the experiment. The houses if built,
will be sold to wage earners at their
actual cost and payments will be in
installments covering a period of
years.

If the plan goes through the com-
mission expects to spend about \$68,-
000 in developing the tract of land in
the Highlands. This scheme is not
for the purpose of placing the com-
monwealth in the real estate business
but for the purpose of supplying
wholesome homes for the low paid
workers, and the commission recom-
mends a single appropriation to learn
whether it is financially possible to
supply such homes for such workers
and to find out the limitations and
 dangers. Accordingly the following
bill has been introduced at the legis-
lature and two hearings have already
been given by the committee on social
welfare.

An Act to Authorize the Homestead
Commission to Provide Home-
steads for Citizens.

Section 1. The homestead com-
mission is hereby authorized, by and with
the consent of the governor and coun-
cil, to take or purchase, in behalf of

and in the name of the commonwealth,
a tract or tracts of land, for the pur-
pose of providing homesteads, or small
houses and plots of ground for me-
chanics, laborers, wage-earners, or
others, citizens of this commonwealth,
and may hold, improve, subdivide,
build upon, sell, repurchase, manage
and care for said tract or tracts and
the buildings constructed thereon, in
accordance with such terms and con-
ditions as may be determined upon by
the commission.

Section 2. The commission may sell
said tract or tracts or any portion
thereof, with or without buildings
thereon, for cash, or upon such install-
ments, terms and contracts, and sub-
ject to such restrictions and condi-
tions, as may be determined upon by
the homestead commission; but no
tract of land shall be sold for less than
its cost, including the cost of any
buildings thereon. All proceeds from
the sale of land and buildings or other
source shall be paid to the treasury of
the commonwealth.

Section 3. The homestead com-
mission is hereby authorized to expend
not to exceed \$100,000 for the pur-
poses of this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect
upon its passage.

The matter will be brought to the
attention of the directors of the board
of trade at their regular meeting this
evening.

BATTERY CANDIDATES

Battery candidates for this year's
high school basketball team will be
called out on March 20, next Tuesday
afternoon, for practice in the annex.
A meeting of all candidates will be
called prior to that date, however, for
the purpose of a general discussion of
the duties of the team. Roland Falls
is captain of this year's team, and Dr.
Nathan Pulsifer will again coach the
squad.

GOOD BASKETBALL GAME

Another good basketball game is on
tap for Friday night of this week in
Associate hall, between the Lowell Five
and the St. Alphonsus A. C. of Roxbury.
The Roxbury quintet is known through-
out New England as a fast moving
bunch and it is a safe bet that they
will keep the local team on the jump
throughout.

The thought which is uppermost in
Manager Dodge's mind at the present
time, however, is the third and decid-
ing game with the White Bears of Bos-
ton, on the result of which hangs the
state championship. Mechanics hall,
Boston, seems to have the call for the
match as the Hub would attract fans
from all parts of the commonwealth.

Red Kenney and Allison Lowell team
be in the lineup on Friday evening.
Friday evening, with Grant, Lew and
Clark as the other trio. Lowell fans
have taken to the style of basketball
offered by the local five like a duck
does the water and there is no reason
why the success should not continue.

ALTAR BOYS DEFEATED

In a one-sided game of basketball
last evening, the Catholic Boys' club
of the Sacred Heart parish defeated
the Altar Boys of the Immaculate Con-
ception parish by the score of 36 to 4.
The game was featured by the clean
playing of both teams and by the
shooting of Tetreault.

Catholic Boys' Club

Hartley, Murray rf., lb O'Shea
Tetreault lf., lb Bridges
Finnegan c, lb Curran
Morarty lb., lf Gargan
McCholm rf.

Baskets: Tetreault 7, Finnegan 3,
Hartley 3, Morarty 3, Murray 2, Cur-
ran 1, Gargan, Fouls: Catholic Boys
1; Altar Boys 1. Time: Two 18-min-
ute periods. Referee, Keenan; scorer,
Kelliher.

BASKETBALL GAME

The Sacred Heart Men's club five
will play the Indians in the Sacred
Heart school hall tonight at 8 o'clock.
Manager Brady of the Sacred Heart
and Manager Donohoe of the Indians
are both confident of victory. A large
crowd is expected to attend. Admission
15 cents. Ladies free.

EXTEND DOUBLE TRACKS
IN CHELMSFORD ST.

At the regular meeting of the Low-
ell Driving club held last evening at
the club's headquarters, corner of Mid-
dlessex and Thorndike streets, the ques-
tion of extending the Bay State Street
railway's double track from Shaw
street to Golden Gate park was taken
up and discussed at considerable length.
The meeting was attended by members
of the club, representatives of the
town of Chelmsford and the Chelms-
ford school committee, Lowell board of
trade and Commissioners Morse and
Warnock of the municipal council.

The proposition to extend the double
tracks in Chelmsford street was a
very popular one and it was voted
to name a committee to look into the
matter and take it up with the street
railway authorities. Another matter
which came before the meeting had to
do with the proposition to connect the
Highlands car line at Stevens street
with the Chelmsford street line. In
order that pupils living in North
Chelmsford and attending the Chelms-
ford high school might reach the
school without coming to Merrimack
square. This matter will also be
taken up with the street railway au-
thorities.

FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

At noon today 15 applications for
liquor licenses had been filed with the
clerk of the license commission. The
applications were as follows: Two for
clubs, two for innholders, seven for
first class, four for fourth class and
one for the seventh class. The time
for the filing of applications will ex-
pire March 20 at 12 o'clock noon.

BASKETBALL

—TONIGHT—

Sacred Heart vs. Indians

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an additional late trip will be provided
leaving both Lowell and Reading at
10:45 p. m. every day in the week. This
change meets the approval of the public
service commission.

OF INTEREST TO POULTRYMEN

The next meeting of the Lowell
Poultry association will be held at the
town hall, Chelmsford Centre, at 3
o'clock next Wednesday evening. Prof.
A. C. Lamb of Amherst will speak on
"Incubation and Raising Chicks." A
short business meeting will be held at
7:30.

DANCE AT ROYALHOUSE

A dance is scheduled at the Ro-
yalhouse for Thursday of this week.
In charge of the dance are: Frank A.
King, general manager, John Deane,
assistant general manager, John W.
Geary, Jr., club chief, Edward Tully,
club attorney, and John Burke, sec-
retary. The price of tickets will be 25 cents and a good
time is assured all.

WOMAN TOOK POISON

Mary Silva, of 23 Tyler street, is
confined to St. John's hospital, suffer-
ing from the effects of poison. It is
claimed that late yesterday afternoon
the woman went to a drug store and
purchased an external application
containing a large quantity of red pos-

ephate of mercury and when she
returned for home, she drank the con-
tents of the bottle. It is believed
the woman will recover.

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MAN WHO SHOT UP COFFEE HOUSE SENTENCED

committed to the house of correction at Cambridge for a term of six months.

It seems that after the shooting Lumsden made his escape and went to Lynn. The police learned that he had

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WADAOESKY ON

WARAOFESKY ON DANGEROUS LIST

Man Stabbed in Fight in Summer Street House at Hospital

Assailant Held in \$2000

Bail—Case Continued
Till March 22

As a result of a stabbing affray which took place last evening in a house in Summer street, a man named

Peter Warzofsky is confined to St. John's hospital, suffering from two slashes across the right side of the neck and a gash on each of his arms. His condition is considered very serious.

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VALUE BOSTON PROPERTY

AT \$1,608,701,300

BOSTON, March 13.—The grand total value of property, real and personal, and of bank stock, owned in this city is \$1,608,701,300, the board of assessors announced yesterday. This aggregate compares with a valuation of \$1,601,174,766 last year. Real estate values are rated at \$1,279,776,700, and personal property at \$318,219,300. Bank stock is assessed at \$15,106,300.

OF ST. PETER'S
WILL TURN OUT TO A MAN IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE—REV. DR. KELEHER ENTHUSIASTIC

Great preparations are being made in St. Peter's parish for the turnout of the Holy Name society in the parade of St. Patrick's day. The most enthusiastic

person in the parish for the parade is Rev. Dr. Kolobay, the pastor, who takes a great interest in the development of the Holy Name society. The pastor knows every man in the parish whether identified with the society or not to march under the banner of St. Peter's society, and today it was evident that the greatest turnout of the parade will be from the parish. www.angelus.com

come from this parish. A rallying committee headed by that energetic worker for the society, Ex-Pres. Richard T. Lyons, is doing yeoman service in canvassing the membership of the society and Mr. Lyons reports great success.

with the work of the committee, Pres. Patrick J. Reynolds, Vice Pres. Michael J. Reichenmann, and Marshal Michael Monahan are cordially enthusiastic over the outlook and promise a great lineup of members of the society. Announcements as to the time of formation and place will be made later.

FROM "HURRY UP"

BROKEN OUT FENCES IN REAR DOOR AND FLED—ONE LATER SURRENDERED

locked in the garage in the rear door and got away. Their absence was not discovered until the driver reached the jail. One of the prisoners surrendered being, but the other, Thomas J. Grogan, held on a charge of larceny eluded capture.

MISSING MALDEN GIRL

FOUND IN CHELSEA

MALDEN, March 12.—After a large party headed by Mayor Charles M. Hodson had searched the woods in the Maplewood section for several hours, they were notified early today that Helen, almost three years

He said the missing person, a 34-year-old, who had failed to return home from a visit at the time expected, had been found in Chelsea. The girl, a daughter of Clarence E. Carneg, chairman of the board of assets

BRITISH STEAMER ARRIVES
BOSTON, March 12. The arrival at

Liverpool of the British steamer Pruth which sailed from this port Feb. 24, was announced in a cablegram received by local agents today.

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LABOR PLEDGES SUPPORT IN CASE OF WAR

WASHINGTON, March 13—Organized labor in America, through its representatives in conference here last night, offered its services to the country in every field of activity if, despite all endeavors and hopes, the United States should be drawn into the war.

The action was taken by unanimous vote of more than 150 delegates from national and international trade unions with the American Federation of Labor and five unaffiliated organizations, including the great railroad brotherhoods. In all about three million American workers were represented in the conference, called to determine and announce the part to be claimed by labor in national concluding paragraphs of the statement, pledging labor's support to the nation, follow:

"We, of the national and international trade unions of America, in national conference assembled in the capital of our nation, hereby pledge ourselves in peace or in war, in stress or in storm, to stand unreservedly by the standards of liberty and the safety and preservation of the institutions

preparedness plans, and he actually adopted and issued after the meeting set forth, in addition to the offer of services in case of war, various demands which were held to be fundamentals in safeguarding the rights of workers in war times as well as in peace. Militarism was protested against; it was held that it was a national disgrace that

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES AMONG GERMAN TROOPS

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 13.—Serious disturbances among the German troops in the vicinity of Naum and Huy are reported by the Nieuwgraaf. The paper says that only fragmentary reports of the trouble have reached Holland, but it is known that some large numbers of soldiers, who had been sent to Naum and Huy on

charges of insubordination in connection with the outbreak that the prisons in the two towns are crowded to four and five times their normal capacity.

The *Telegraaf* also publishes an account of further food riots in Barmen.

DEATHS

WALSH—William Walsh, a former well known resident of this city, died

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CLOUGH—Died March 12, in Chelsea, Benjamin S. Clough, aged 75 years, 2 months and 23 days, at the Soldiers' home. He is survived by one son, Charles A. Clough, and two grandchildren, Alfred A. and Ruth M. Clough. Mr. Clough was a member of Beat 461.

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